

WHEREAS, there is no law for the restoration of competency and confusion has arisen with regard to the treatment of those accused of crime who are suffering from various forms of mental illness; and

WHEREAS, the state, local governments and nonprofit institutions may desire to participate in the various federal laws relating to community mental health facilities for the mentally ill and retarded, and state laws must perhaps be revised in order to so participate; and

WHEREAS, Governor William A. Egan, in his annual message to the legislature, urged that a study of the problem be made by the Legislative Council and the Governor's Advisory Committee on Mental Health Planning;

BE IT RESOLVED that

(1) The Legislative Council is directed to study and, if necessary conduct public hearings on the need for new and for remedial legislation in the matter of mental health and mental condition, or competency, and of all laws pertaining thereto, including the study of all definitions or lack of definitions appearing in Alaska statutes, incompetency and declarations of incompetency, the restoration of competency, the appointment of, and standards for appointment of guardians of the person and property of individuals, all laws dealing with accused individuals who are men-

tally ill, and the like;

(2) The Council is likewise directed to study the need for further legislation to enable local government bodies and nonprofit institutions to participate in the comprehensive mental health program envisioned by P.L. 88-164 and P.L. 88-156, which are concerned with the planning grants for mental health and mental retardation that have been made to the state;

(3) The Council is further directed to study the necessity for clarifying, rearranging and modernizing the Alaska Mental Health Program Act (AS 47.30.010-47.30.340), and the need for a system of cross referencing the various acts dealing with mental condition presently found in 14 titles of the code;

(4) The Council shall further study the need for a mental health code, as opposed to a statute, so that the laws can be approached without the present difficulties;

(5) The Council shall coordinate its hearings and studies with the Governor's Advisory Committee on Mental Health Planning;

(6) Legislative Council recommendations on the subject, together with drafts of remedial or new legislation that it may deem necessary, shall be submitted to the legislature.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 8

Relating to the agricultural development in Alaska.

Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring:

WHEREAS Alaska's present agricultural production meets less than 10 per cent of our market needs; and

WHEREAS reports indicate that under our soil and climatic conditions this state is capable of producing up to 60 per cent of its estimated 100-million dollar annual wholesale food requirements; and

WHEREAS Alaska's agricultural development is not keeping pace with the growth of Alaska's economy, despite the fact that the amount of land already classified by the Soil Conservation Service as suitable

for agricultural production in the state is considerably in excess of the acreage required to supply our present population; and

WHEREAS Alaska's present agriculture program has failed to meet the needs of the state;

BE IT RESOLVED that the President and Board of Regents of the University of Alaska are requested to retain agricultural specialists as consultants to review and survey existing agriculture research and extension programs and make recommendations to the Governor on program changes necessary to achieve the full agricultural development of Alaska; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the President and Board of Regents of the Univer-

sity of Alaska are requested to establish a Board of Visitors to annually review

the agricultural research and extension programs of the University of Alaska.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 16

Honoring the memory of the late Dr. Ivar Skarland.

Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate Concurring:

WHEREAS one of Alaska's most productive citizens, Dr. Ivar Skarland, has been taken in death; and

WHEREAS Dr. Ivar Skarland was a distinguished anthropologist whose endeavors added lustre to the name of his alma mater, the University of Alaska where he received his bachelor of arts degree in 1935; and

WHEREAS Dr. Skarland was a member

of the faculty of the University of Alaska from 1940 until the time of his death and during that time earned his master's and doctoral degrees from Harvard University; and

WHEREAS Dr. Skarland earned a respected reputation as a scientist for the expeditions in which he took part and the learned papers he published on Arctic lore;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the State of Alaska expresses its highest regard for the memory of Dr. Ivar Skarland, a distinguished citizen and scientist who contributed so much to Alaska and the development of the University of Alaska.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 17

Requesting the Governor to request the Department of Education to make certain studies.

Be it Resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate Concurring:

WHEREAS it is necessary to their functions that the legislature and the executive branch have available comprehensive information relative to certain aspects of education in Alaska; and

WHEREAS the Department of Education has the staff and information necessary to make certain studies and reports; and

WHEREAS it appears that certain parts of the education program in the state could benefit from appropriate legislative or executive action based on proper studies and reports;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Governor is requested to direct the Department of Education to undertake the following projects and to report to the Governor and the Legislature at the earliest possible date:

1. Study and prepare a position paper on the need, locations, and curricula for future vocational schools in Alaska;

2. Study and prepare a position paper on the duties and structure of the department in light of recent and proposed federal legislation; and

3. Study and evaluate operational procedures and organizational patterns which will result in more effective and efficient administration and operation of the schools operated by the department.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 20

Relating to the substantive revision of the criminal law of the state.

Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate Concurring:

WHEREAS the criminal code of the

state, found in Title 11 of the Alaska Statutes, represents a considerable and vital body of law which has not undergone substantive revision since it was first applied to Alaska by the federal government over 60 years ago; and