

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 18

Protesting the crippling of the program of the U.S. Bureau of Mines in Alaska.**Be It Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Alaska:**

WHEREAS the Department of the Interior has announced a decision to all but eliminate the operation of its Bureau of Mines in Alaska; and

WHEREAS the decision involves the reduction of the work force in Alaska from 26 to six persons and the elimination of its two-man safety force in Anchorage; and

WHEREAS it is well established that what Alaska needs is more and not less resource development and safety support from the Bureau of Mines; and

WHEREAS the physical investigation of mineral deposits in Alaska is abnormally costly and what little progress has been made to exploit the vast mineral potential of the state has been due to the modest

program of the Bureau of Mines in Alaska; and

WHEREAS the increasing interest and activity in hard rock mining in Alaska require that the investigatory and safety program of the Bureau of Mines in Alaska be expanded rather than diminished;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the State of Alaska most earnestly protests the plans of the Department of the Interior to essentially eliminate the investigatory and safety programs of the Bureau of Mines in Alaska and urgently requests the Secretary of the Interior to cancel those plans and re-examine the desperate need for an expansion of the program of the Bureau of Mines in Alaska; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be directed to the Honorable Stewart L. Udall, Secretary of the Interior; the Honorable Frank C. Memmott, Acting Director of the Bureau of Mines; and the members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 20

Relating to a breakwater or other suitable protection at King Cove.**Be It Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Alaska:**

WHEREAS fishing is a year-round industry in King Cove, Alaska; and

WHEREAS there are about 50 boats moored throughout the year at King Cove with substantial increase of fishing boats during the summer months; and

WHEREAS the location of King Cove makes the cove susceptible to severe damage from storms; and

WHEREAS during storms in 1964 docks and vessels at King Cove were badly damaged; and

WHEREAS the United States Corps of Engineers has completed surveys of King Cove in order to discover the best method of offering protection to vessels operating in this area; and

WHEREAS no remedial action has been taken since the survey by the Corps of Engineers, with the result that King Cove

remains vulnerable to continued and severe storm damage in the future;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Congress of the United States is respectfully urged to provide funds to enable the Corps of Engineers to begin construction of a breakwater or any other suitable protection to prevent loss to vessels and docks at King Cove; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be sent to the Honorable Pat McNamara, Chairman, Senate Public Works Committee; the Honorable Carl Hayden, Chairman, Senate Appropriations Committee; the Honorable George H. Fallon, Chairman, House Public Works Committee; the Honorable George H. Mahon, Chairman, House Appropriations Committee; the Honorable Cyrus R. Vance, Secretary of the Army; Lt. Gen. Walter K. Wilson, Chief of Engineers, U.S. Army; Col. Clare D. Farley, District Engineer, Corps of Engineers, Alaska; and the Honorable E. L. Bartlett and the Honorable Ernest Gruening, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Ralph J. Rivers, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.