

Senate Concurrent Resolutions

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1

Relating to a study of public school transportation.

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

WHEREAS AS 14.10.070, authorizing the Department of Education to provide transportation of children to and from public schools, uses distance from school as the only criterion for determining whether or not transportation should be made available; and

WHEREAS the department has adopted regulations setting the distance at one and one-half miles; and

WHEREAS many factors other than distance, such as terrain, weather, hazards to walking children, and a child's age and health, are relevant in determining whether or not transportation should be made available;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Council, with the cooperation of the Department of Education, is directed to study school transportation problems and factors in Alaska and to submit a report of its study, with recommendations and suggested legislation, to the Legislature in January of 1966.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3

Honoring the memory of the late J. Earl Cooper.

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

WHEREAS the State of Alaska has suffered a great loss by the passing of J. Earl Cooper; and

WHEREAS J. Earl Cooper spent a quarter-century in distinguished private endeavor and public accomplishment; and

WHEREAS J. Earl Cooper was an outstanding citizen and lawyer of the Territory and State of Alaska, and served the people of the state in many important capacities, having served as Assistant United States Attorney and United States Attorney in Anchorage, United States Dis-

trict Judge at Nome, member of the Territorial Senate, member of the first State Senate, and Superior Court Judge at Anchorage; and

WHEREAS his distinguished service to Alaska in many capacities rendered with a rare combination of dedication and wry wit earned him the esteem of countless Alaskans;

BE IT RESOLVED that the members of the Alaska State Legislature extend their sincerest expression of regard and esteem for the late J. Earl Cooper and the contributions he made to Alaska, and express their sincerest condolences to Mrs. J. Earl Cooper and their children, Susan and James E. Cooper, on their loss, which is also a loss to the State of Alaska.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 5

Relating to a review of the effectiveness and suitability of the Administrative Procedure Act.

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

WHEREAS the Administrative Procedure Act (AS 44.62) has a vital effect on the activities of agencies and the rights

and interests of the public; and

WHEREAS the Act has been in effect for six years and has not been reviewed as to its effectiveness and suitability;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Council is directed to review the Administrative Procedure Act as to its effectiveness and suitability by soliciting the com-

ments of the agencies affected and the general public and then submitting its findings and recommendations, including

alternatives or amendments to the Act prior to the convening of the legislature in 1966.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 6

Commending the Department of Highways for its selection of the site for the crossing of Turnagain Arm.

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

WHEREAS the construction of a crossing of Turnagain Arm connecting the Greater Anchorage Area with the Kenai Peninsula has been under study by the state Department of Highways and federal road building officials; and

WHEREAS the Department of Highways has recommended that a bridge be built across Turnagain Arm at the most westerly

of the possible crossing sites; and

WHEREAS the decision of the department was based on factors accruing to the best public interests: a shortening of the distance between Anchorage, the Kenai Peninsula communities and Kodiak Island, the opening up of new areas for settlement and development, and a sea-level route providing the most reasonable construction cost factors;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Department of Highways is commended for its decision to recommend the construction of a bridge crossing Turnagain Arm at the most westerly site.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 12

Proposing a study of the need for various trunk and secondary airports throughout the state.

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

WHEREAS there is a need for an integrated system of airports in Southeast Alaska for land-based planes; and

WHEREAS there is a need for the development of an airport system in the Aleutian Island area; and

WHEREAS there is a need in the Interior for upgrading the Fairbanks International Airport in order to permit international carriers to use the field when their planes are in a full gross load condition; and

WHEREAS there is a need in Western, Northern and Northwest Alaska for upgrading pioneer airports to true secondary and trunk airports; and

WHEREAS there are possibly other needs throughout the state for the establishment or modernization of air transport and air service facilities which would promote the growth and economic prosperity of Alaska;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Governor is requested to direct the Department of Public Works to study these needs, their cost, and the benefits to be derived from a program to remedy these needs, and submit a full report of its findings to the Second Session of the Fourth Legislature in January, 1966.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 13

Relating to the unfavorable bargaining position of fishermen in the Lower Yukon, Norton Sound, Lower Kuskokwim and Kotzebue Sound areas.

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

WHEREAS the people of the Lower Yu-

kon, Norton Sound, Lower Kuskokwim and Kotzebue Sound areas live in small and widely separated communities; and

WHEREAS due to the geographical distribution of these communities, the limited means of communication in the areas, and the inhabitants' inexperience at organizational bargaining, the fishermen in these