

business on an equal basis with those of other states of the Union; and

WHEREAS the Governor of Alaska has never voiced undue criticism of those special interest groups of other states which have engaged heavily in business with foreign interests; and

WHEREAS the Legislature of the State of Alaska subscribes to the sentiments and position of the Governor of Alaska on H.R. 3954 and the circumstances which gave rise to its introduction;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Honorable E. L. Bartlett and the Honorable Ernest Gruening, U.S. Senators from Alaska, and the Honorable Ralph J. Rivers, U.S. Representative from Alaska, are urgently requested to take all necessary and appropriate action with their colleagues and the committees in Congress to oppose and defeat H.R. 3954 as being odious to the State of Alaska and its citizens in particular and to the doctrines of states rights and free enterprise in general.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 40

Urging Congress to approve pending legislation to extend the term during which the Secretary of the Interior is authorized to make fisheries loans under the Fish and Wildlife Act of 1956.

Be It Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Alaska:

WHEREAS a bill, S. 998, now pending in Congress would amend the Fish and Wildlife Act of 1956 so as to extend until 1975 the authority of the Secretary of the Interior to make loans for financing and refinancing the operations of commercial fishing vessels and the maintenance, repair, and replacement of these vessels and their gear; and

WHEREAS the loan program available under the Fish and Wildlife Act of 1956 will expire on June 30, 1965 unless S. 998 is enacted; and

WHEREAS U.S. fishermen are in constant competition with foreign fishermen at fishing grounds where American vessels traditionally and, until recently, almost exclusively operated; and

WHEREAS U.S. fishermen now have to compete with foreign fishermen for the U.S. market; and

WHEREAS private financing on reasonable terms is not available to many fishermen because of the hazardous nature of the industry; and

WHEREAS the U.S. fishing fleets are antiquated and unable to compete successfully with the more modernized foreign fishing fleets; and

WHEREAS the fisheries loan program is essential for modernizing and upgrading U.S. fishing vessels in order that they may stay in operation and compete successfully against foreign fishermen;

BE IT RESOLVED that Congress is respectfully urged to pass, and the President of the United States is respectfully urged to approve, S. 998; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be sent to the Honorable Lyndon B. Johnson, President of the United States; the Honorable Hubert H. Humphrey, Vice President of the United States and President of the Senate; the Honorable John W. McCormack, Speaker of the House of Representatives; the Honorable Warren G. Magnuson, Chairman, Senate Commerce Committee; the Honorable Oren Harris, Chairman, House Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee; the Honorable Carl Hayden, Chairman, Senate Appropriations Committee; the Honorable George H. Mahon, Chairman, House Appropriations Committee; 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.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 41

Relating to the construction of a highway across the Alaska Peninsula north of the Katmai National Monument.

Be It Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Alaska: