

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:

WHEREAS the development of transportation facilities in Alaska is essential for the progress of the state and welfare of its population; and

WHEREAS the Bristol Bay area is isolated, with the exception of marine transportation for three months and air traffic; and

WHEREAS the Bristol Bay area does not have an overland access to either the ice-free ports on the southern coast of the Alaska Peninsula or the state highway system, including the Homer-Kodiak ferry; and

WHEREAS a highway across the Alaska Peninsula north of the Katmai National Monument would make it possible to extend the ferry service to terminals on the Alaska Peninsula providing a valuable link in an eventual circuit connecting Bristol Bay and the Kuskokwim Valley with Cook Inlet and the Susitna Valley; and

WHEREAS a road crossing the Alaska

Peninsula north of the Katmai National Monument connecting Cook Inlet with Bristol Bay could do much to open up the lands in that vicinity for tourism and the development of their resource potential;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Bureau of Public Roads is urgently requested to provide technical and financial assistance to the state for the planning and construction of a highway across the Alaska Peninsula north of the Katmai National Monument; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be sent to the Honorable John T. Connor, Secretary of Commerce; the Honorable Rex M. Whitton, Federal Highway Administrator, Bureau of Public Roads; the Honorable William J. Niemi, Regional Engineer, Bureau of Public Roads; 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. 46

Creating a national Department of Fisheries.

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

WHEREAS the populations of the world are becoming increasingly dependent upon the oceans as a source of food; and

WHEREAS competition among the nations for the bounty of the seas has noticeably sharpened in recent years as is evidenced by international conventions being called to discuss the extension of national ocean territorial limits and the rights of nations to the resources on their continental shelves; and

WHEREAS it has been apparent for some time that the United States fishing industry is at a technical and financial disability in competition with foreign fishing fleets for both the domestic and foreign seafood markets; and

WHEREAS the revitalization, development and protection of the fishing industry and the fisheries of the United States are enormous tasks which surpass the abilities of the several states and therefore require

the assistance and attention of the federal government; and

WHEREAS adequate policing of our fishing territories can only be efficiently conducted by enforcement agencies of the federal government; and

WHEREAS negotiations for fishing rights in international waters are a responsibility of the federal government and will become a more complex and demanding area of diplomacy in future years; and

WHEREAS the basic importance of our fisheries and fishing industry to the people of this nation, particularly at this time in our history, demands that they be given immediate, thorough and constant attention by the federal government and treated as an integrated area of national policy;

BE IT RESOLVED that the President of the United States is respectfully requested to create a principal department in the executive branch of the federal government which has responsibility for all federal programs and activities relating to our fisheries and fishing industry, the department to be headed by an official of cabinet rank; and be it