

IN THE HOUSE

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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 14

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

FOURTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

Relating to the repairing, survac-
ing, paving, and restoration of the
Girdwood - Ingram Creek section of
the Seward - Anchorage Highway in
1966.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

WHEREAS the March 27, 1964 earthquake disaster caused severe and devastating damage to the roadbed, bridges, and paving of the Girdwood - Ingram Creek section of the Seward - Anchorage Highway, which is approximately 18 miles in length and located in the Portage - Turnagain Arm area; and

WHEREAS the Seward - Anchorage Highway is the only and main artery for vehicle traffic between Anchorage and the cities on the Kenai Peninsula and therefore vital for the exchange of commerce between the cities; and

WHEREAS many businesses on the Kenai Peninsula are almost completely dependent on the tourist traffic which travels to the Kenai Peninsula over the Seward - Anchorage Highway; and

WHEREAS the natural resources on the Kenai Peninsula, petroleum products, fisheries, lumber and tourist attractions, contribute substantially to the annual tax revenue of the state; and

WHEREAS many points of historical interest, important to the 1967 Centennial tourist traffic, are located on the Kenai Peninsula; and

WHEREAS the surface of the Girdwood - Ingram section of the Seward - Anchorage Highway continues to be in a rough and unfinished condition which discourages tourists and other traffic from traveling to and from the Kenai Peninsula; and

WHEREAS it is reported that the current plans of the Department of Highways do not call for the completion of the construction and restoration of the Girdwood - Ingram section of the Seward - Anchorage Highway until the end of 1967;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Governor and the Commissioner of the Department of Highways are respectfully urged to give the reconstruction of the Girdwood - Ingram Creek section of the Seward - Anchorage Highway a high priority in the state's highway construction program for the current year of 1966 and to immediately draw up specifications and to let bids for most of the work necessary to pave the Girdwood - Ingram Creek section of the Anchorage - Seward Highway and to restore same to its pre-earthquake condition by the end of the current year 1966.