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JOINT RESOLUTION

Relating to the availability for use of U.S. Public Health Service hospitals and health facilities.

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

WHEREAS many people in the remote areas of the state are without sufficient medical and dental care; and

WHEREAS, in some communities such as Point Barrow, Kotzebue Tanana, Sitka, and Kanakanak, physicians and dentists licensed to practice in Alaska are forbidden the use of tax-supported hospitals and other Alaska Native Health Service facilities for diagnosis, treatment, or surgery; and

WHEREAS this is in violation of the spirit of Public Law 89-749 which extends and improves public health service and medical and dental care for all people in the nation and encourages cooperation between governmental and nongovernmental agencies; and

WHEREAS it would promote a higher level of health for all the citizens of remote areas of Alaska if licensed physicians and dentists could utilize U.S. Public Health Service facilities for private practice of medicine where other facilities are not available;

BE IT RESOLVED that the U.S. Public Health Service is requested to meet with representatives of the Department of Health and Welfare and Senators E.L. Bartlett and Ernest Gruening and Representative Howard Pollock in order to draw up a plan whereby U.S. Public Health Service facilities will be made available to all the people of Alaska and to all licensed physicians and dentists, and to set up user fees for these facilities to equal fees in similar private institutions in the same area.

COPIES of this Resolution shall be sent to The Honorable William H. Stewart, Surgeon General of the U.S. Public Health Service; and to The Honorable E.L. Bartlett and The Honorable Ernest Gruening, U.S. Senators, and The Honorable Howard W. Pollock, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.