



Alaska State Legislature

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 82

Relating to the allocation of federal funds for public works projects.

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

WHEREAS under federal law the United States Congress is currently authorized to appropriate as much as \$500,000,000 for public works projects throughout the United States; and

WHEREAS Congress has not seen fit to appropriate the total amount authorized to date, even though Alaska and other areas of the country are in dire need of public works projects and are enduring one of the highest unemployment eras in our history; and

WHEREAS there is, in addition to the above-mentioned authorization, legislation pending before Congress which calls for an accelerated public works program in the amount of \$2 billion; and

WHEREAS Alaska in particular has great need for public works projects of all types and in all areas of the state; and

WHEREAS Alaska is in a region composed of California, Oregon, Idaho, Washington, Montana, Hawaii, American Samoa and Guam; and

WHEREAS Alaska's vast size and tremendous requirements would seem to dictate that federal money for public works projects be distributed in a more equitable manner, with Alaska being designated a separate region for distribution purposes;

BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska Legislature that the United

States Congress is urgently requested to authorize the expenditure of the total amount currently authorized to be appropriated for public works projects as well as give its early favorable consideration of pending legislation calling for accelerated expenditures of money for public works projects; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature urgently requests the federal government to establish Alaska as a separate and single region for the disbursement of money appropriated for public works projects.

COPIES of this Resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Richard M. Nixon, President of the United States; the Honorable Allen J. Ellender, U. S. Senator and Chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee; the Honorable George H. Mahon, U. S. Representative and Chairman of the House Appropriations Committee; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Mike Gravel, U. S. Senators, and the Honorable Nick Begich, U. S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.