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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 88

Relating to personnel of the United States Public Health Service at Barrow.

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

WHEREAS currently there are only approximately 1.5 doctors and one dentist assigned by the United States Public Health Service to Barrow, Alaska; and

WHEREAS even now Barrow and the surrounding area comprises a health unit of approximately 5,000 persons; and

WHEREAS, even with the existing population, there should be a minimum of three doctors and two dentists to adequately provide the minimum medical and dental services required by the population; and

WHEREAS, with construction of the trans-Alaska pipeline scheduled to begin in the very near future, Barrow will undoubtedly experience an influx of persons who will further strain the existing medical and dental services available from the United States Public Health Service in Barrow;

BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that the Department of Health, Education and Welfare is respectfully requested to assign additional doctors, nurses, dentists, and optometrists to the United States Public Health Service facility at Barrow, Alaska, to insure the availability of medical and dental services required by the population base which currently and in the immediate future will be dependent upon Public Health Service personnel for their medical and dental needs.

COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Caspar W. Weinberger, Secretary, Department of Health, Education

and Welfare; Charles C. Edwards, M. D., Assistant Secretary for Health, Public Health Service; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Mike Gravel, U. S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U. S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.