

STATE OF ALASKA

THE LEGISLATURE

1981

Source

Legislative
Resolve No.

SJR 49

26



Requesting Congress to approve H.R. 2605 relating to the taxability of state legislators' per diem allowance.

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

WHEREAS court rulings in recent federal income tax cases indicate that the intent of Congress regarding the deductibility of per diem allowances for state legislators is not clear; and

WHEREAS for several years Congress has allowed state legislators' per diem to be deductible for income tax purposes by a year-by-year renewal of temporary Internal Revenue Code provisions; and

WHEREAS H.R. 2605 pending in the United States Congress would extend and make permanent the Internal Revenue Code provision that would allow state legislators to deduct per diem allowances for legislative days, as defined by law; and

WHEREAS it is desirable that this matter of tax policy be permanently resolved;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests the United States Congress to approve H.R. 2605,

COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Thomas P. O'Neill, Jr., Speaker of the House of Representatives; to Senator Howard Baker, Senate Majority Leader; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Frank Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.

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CSSJR 45 (Res)

27



Relating to construction of the Crater Lake stage of the Snettisham hydroelectric project.

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

WHEREAS the United States Department of Energy, Alaska Power Administration, recommended that the United States Army Corps of Engineers proceed with the Crater Lake stage of the Snettisham hydroelectric project; and

WHEREAS the Crater Lake stage was authorized by the United States Congress through the Flood Control Act of 1962; and

WHEREAS the Crater Lake stage is an economically, environmentally, and technically feasible renewable energy project that should be constructed as soon as possible; and

WHEREAS appropriations in the amount of \$4,400,000 are needed during fiscal year 1982 in order for the project to proceed in timely fashion; and

WHEREAS the completion of the Crater Lake stage will provide a source of renewable energy for the municipality of Hoonah utilizing a planned transmission line, including an equal energy load for a substantial mining operation en route;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests the United States Congress to appropriate to the Army Corps of Engineers the money necessary for construction to begin during fiscal year 1982 on the Crater Lake stage of the Snettisham hydroelectric project.

COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Strom Thurmond, President Pro Tempore of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable Thomas P. O'Neill, Jr., Speaker of the U.S. House of

Representatives; the Honorable Mark O. Hatfield, Chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee; the Honorable Jamie L. Whitten, Chairman of the House Appropriations Committee; the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Frank Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress; and to Colonel Lee Nunn, Chief of Alaska District, United States Army Corps of Engineers; Mr. John Katz, Special Counsel to the Governor; and Mr. Eric Yould, Executive Director, Alaska Power Authority.

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Relating to the implementation of the Surface Mining and Reclamation Control Act by the Secretary of the Interior.

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

WHEREAS the Secretary of the Interior is directed by sec. 708 of the Surface Mining and Reclamation Control Act to determine whether any of the provisions of the Act should be modified with respect to surface coal mining operations in Alaska; and

WHEREAS the Secretary of the Interior is directed to report to Congress his proposals for legislation to implement his recommendations to the Act relating to surface coal mining operations in Alaska; and

WHEREAS the Secretary of the Interior has not reported to Congress his recommendations with respect to the implementation of the Act with respect to surface coal mining operations in Alaska; and

WHEREAS it is in the public interest for the Secretary of the Interior to review and reconsider any recommendations prepared by the former administration before making his proposals to Congress; and

WHEREAS the coal mining industry has great potential in the State of Alaska but is presently a relatively small industry; and

WHEREAS it is the goal of the State of Alaska to seek a reasonable and orderly development of the coal resources of the state; and

WHEREAS it is in the interest of both the United States and the State of Alaska to avoid the enactment of inappropri-

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WHEREAS the legislature will consider the enactment of a meaningful and responsive system for the control of surface coal mining operations in Alaska during the 1982 session of the legislature;

BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that the Secretary of the Interior is respectfully urged to defer the recommendation to Congress under sec. 708 of the Surface Mining and Reclamation Control Act until the legislature has had a chance to enact a state system for the control of surface coal mining during the 1982 session of the legislature.

COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable James G. Watt, Secretary of the Interior; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Frank Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.

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SJR 47 am

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Relating to the extension of the Voting Rights Act.

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

WHEREAS the key provisions of the 1965 Voting Rights Act will expire August 6, 1982, unless renewed by Congress; and

WHEREAS the Voting Rights Act is rightly considered the most effective civil rights legislation ever enacted in the United States; and

WHEREAS the Voting Rights Act has substantially increased the number of individuals voting in state, municipal and national elections; and

WHEREAS the extension of the Voting Rights Act as the law of the land constitutes the single best assurance to all citizens of the United States that their right to participate in the American political process will be guaranteed; and

WHEREAS the extension of the Voting Rights Act will allay the fears of many groups that a regression of voting rights may occur if the Act is not extended;

BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that Congress is urged to extend the Voting Rights Act in its present form.

COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable George Bush, Vice-President of the United States and President of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable Thomas P. O'Neill, Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives; the Honorable Strom Thurmond, Chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee; the Honorable Peter W. Rodino, Jr., Chairman of the House Judiciary Committee; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable

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Source

CSSCR 13(SA)

30



Relating to the preservation of the House of Wickersham.

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

WHEREAS a significant portion of Alaska's documented and written history during the years 1900 through 1938 is recorded only in the diaries, papers, and manuscripts of Alaska's pioneer judge, James Wickersham; and

WHEREAS the House of Wickersham, located in Juneau and built on the site of the New Boston gold mining claim, is itself of major historical significance as one of the first large homes built in Alaska after the purchase from Russia, and as a fine example of Victorian architecture; and

WHEREAS the House of Wickersham has been certified for inclusion on the National Register of Historic Places, and its private collection of historic documents, diaries, papers, photo files, and artifacts is of major significance to scholars of early twentieth century Alaska; and

WHEREAS the histories of Nome, the Aleutian Islands, Fairbanks, Eagle, Anchorage, Mt. McKinley, Valdez, Skagway, Wrangell, Sitka, Ketchikan, and Juneau are preserved and represented in these early documents, making the Wickersham collection of major statewide importance; and

WHEREAS in years past many private historic collections have been sold or removed from Alaska; and

WHEREAS it seems appropriate that the Wickersham collection and its repository should be recognized and preserved for the benefit of all Alaskans now and in centuries to come;

BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that the

Frank Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young,
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BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that the

Governor is respectfully requested to establish a task force to develop a plan for the continued operation and preservation of the House of Wickersham; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Governor appoint the directors of the division of parks of the Department of Natural Resources, the division of libraries and museums of the Department of Education, and the division of tourism of the Department of Commerce and Economic Development, and other officers of state government concerned with the history of the state to serve on the task force; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Governor invite the appropriate federal agencies and historical associations to work with the task force toward the achievement of its goal.

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SJR 27

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Requesting the federal government to increase its efforts to account for American servicemen still missing in Southeast Asia.

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

WHEREAS 2,500 American servicemen remain unaccounted for in Southeast Asia; and

WHEREAS at least three of the missing Americans are Alaskans; and

WHEREAS more than 900 reports have been received from Indo-Chinese refugees since 1975 alleging that American servicemen have been seen or that crash locations, grave sites, and the remains of Americans have been discovered; and

WHEREAS many of these reports indicate that American servicemen are still being held prisoner in Southeast Asia; and

WHEREAS it is doubtful that the Indo-Chinese governments are cooperating in accounting for the missing servicemen;

BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that the federal government should increase its efforts to expedite

(1) the release of American servicemen being held against their will in Southeast Asia;

(2) the return of all remains of Americans from Southeast Asia; and

(3) accelerated negotiations with the Indo-Chinese governments to encourage their cooperation in accounting for missing American servicemen.