
 SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 67

Relating to the designation of Senator McNealy as official representative of the Alaska State Senate to Japan.

Be It Resolved by the Senate:

WHEREAS the Alaska State Senate recognizes the importance of increasing trade relations with the nation of Japan to aid the economy of the state; and

WHEREAS the Senate desires first-hand knowledge at a high policy level on expanding export-import trade which may aid in future legislation for the development and sale of our natural resources; and

WHEREAS Senate Majority Leader, Robert J. McNealy, is traveling to Japan, at his own expense, on the adjournment of this legislative session to meet with government officials and industrial leaders to study present and future trade prospects;

BE IT RESOLVED that Senator Robert J. McNealy is hereby designated as the official representative of the Alaska State Senate to the nation of Japan for the sole purpose of making preliminary studies for expanding trade relations and to report back his findings to the Senate at the convening of the 1964 session of the Third Legislature.

Passed by the Senate April 9, 1963.

 SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 68

Relating to redress of the inequities of federal taxation in Alaska.

Be It Resolved by the Senate:

WHEREAS the cost of living throughout Alaska is significantly higher than in any other state of the United States, as is recognized by the federal government in the cost-of-living allowance which it makes to federal employees in Alaska; and

WHEREAS, although citizens of Alaska may earn more dollars than citizens of other states, the buying power of the dollar is much lower; and

WHEREAS, since the federal income tax is progressive, persons earning more dollars pay a higher percentage of their income as taxes; and

WHEREAS this results in Alaskans' paying a larger percentage of their real incomes than citizens of other states; and

WHEREAS this inequitably heavy federal tax makes it extremely difficult for the state government to find tax sources for the revenue which is necessary for the proper development of the state and the

welfare of its citizens;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Department of the Treasury through the Internal Revenue Service is respectfully requested to review the fairness of the federal income tax in its application to Alaska, and to consider the possibility of making a refund to the state for the same reasons and on the same basis that the federal government awards a cost-of-living allowance to federal employees in the state, or of providing some other relief; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Governor is respectfully requested to direct the Alaska Department of Revenue to cooperate with and encourage the federal authorities in the investigation of this matter, and to report to the Legislature on findings and progress at the beginning of the Second Session of the Third Legislature; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be sent to the Honorable Douglas Dillon, Secretary of the Treasury; the Honorable Mortimer M. Caplin, Commissioner of Internal Revenue; and the Alaska delegation in Congress.

Passed by the Senate April 11, 1963.