

WHEREAS the development of transportation facilities in Alaska is essential for the progress of the state and welfare of its population; and

WHEREAS the Bristol Bay area is isolated, with the exception of marine transportation for three months and air traffic; and

WHEREAS the Bristol Bay area does not have an overland access to either the ice-free ports on the southern coast of the Alaska Peninsula or the state highway system, including the Homer-Kodiak ferry; and

WHEREAS a highway across the Alaska Peninsula north of the Katmai National Monument would make it possible to extend the ferry service to terminals on the Alaska Peninsula providing a valuable link in an eventual circuit connecting Bristol Bay and the Kuskokwim Valley with Cook Inlet and the Susitna Valley; and

WHEREAS a road crossing the Alaska

Peninsula north of the Katmai National Monument connecting Cook Inlet with Bristol Bay could do much to open up the lands in that vicinity for tourism and the development of their resource potential;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Bureau of Public Roads is urgently requested to provide technical and financial assistance to the state for the planning and construction of a highway across the Alaska Peninsula north of the Katmai National Monument; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be sent to the Honorable John T. Connor, Secretary of Commerce; the Honorable Rex M. Whitton, Federal Highway Administrator, Bureau of Public Roads; the Honorable William J. Niemi, Regional Engineer, Bureau of Public Roads; and the Honorable E. L. Bartlett and the Honorable Ernest Gruening, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Ralph J. Rivers, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.

### SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 46

**Creating a national Department of Fisheries.**

**Be It Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Alaska:**

WHEREAS the populations of the world are becoming increasingly dependent upon the oceans as a source of food; and

WHEREAS competition among the nations for the bounty of the seas has noticeably sharpened in recent years as is evidenced by international conventions being called to discuss the extension of national ocean territorial limits and the rights of nations to the resources on their continental shelves; and

WHEREAS it has been apparent for some time that the United States fishing industry is at a technical and financial disability in competition with foreign fishing fleets for both the domestic and foreign seafood markets; and

WHEREAS the revitalization, development and protection of the fishing industry and the fisheries of the United States are enormous tasks which surpass the abilities of the several states and therefore require

the assistance and attention of the federal government; and

WHEREAS adequate policing of our fishing territories can only be efficiently conducted by enforcement agencies of the federal government; and

WHEREAS negotiations for fishing rights in international waters are a responsibility of the federal government and will become a more complex and demanding area of diplomacy in future years; and

WHEREAS the basic importance of our fisheries and fishing industry to the people of this nation, particularly at this time in our history, demands that they be given immediate, thorough and constant attention by the federal government and treated as an integrated area of national policy;

BE IT RESOLVED that the President of the United States is respectfully requested to create a principal department in the executive branch of the federal government which has responsibility for all federal programs and activities relating to our fisheries and fishing industry, the department to be headed by an official of cabinet rank; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be directed to the Honorable E. L. Bartlett and the Honorable Ernest

Gruening, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Ralph J. Rivers, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.

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### SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 47

**Relating to the Bureau of Indian Affairs school at Unalakleet.**

**Be It Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Alaska:**

WHEREAS the Bureau of Indian Affairs school at Unalakleet now provides schooling only through the tenth year; and

WHEREAS the William E. Beltz School in Nome concentrates on vocational education for students from northern and western Alaska in a program complementary to that of the Bureau of Indian Affairs Schools in the district; and

WHEREAS the William E. Beltz School at Nome is not adequate to serve all potential students of the area seeking something beyond an elementary school or junior high school education; and

WHEREAS an extension of the school program at the Unalakleet school through the twelfth year and the inclusion in its curriculum of useful industrial arts courses would help meet the demand, and broaden the opportunities, of students in the area now served and which could be served by that school; and

WHEREAS there is also no gymnasium at the Unalakleet school and the lack of such a facility prevents an adequate physical fitness program; and

WHEREAS the school at Unalakleet has inadequate housing for teachers and students, thereby making it exceedingly difficult to maintain a teaching staff and causing undue hardships and burdens on the student body;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Interior is urgently requested to make the Bureau of Indian Affairs school at Unalakleet a twelve-year school and to expand its curriculum to include useful industrial arts courses; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Interior is respectfully urged to construct a gymnasium and adequate housing facilities for teachers and students at the school in Unalakleet; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be sent to the Honorable Stewart L. Udall, Secretary of the Interior; the Honorable Anthony J. Celezrezze, Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare; the Honorable Philleo Nash, Commissioner of Indian Affairs; the Honorable Robert L. Bennett, Area Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs; and the Honorable E. L. Bartlett and the Honorable Ernest Gruening, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Ralph J. Rivers, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.

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### SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 48

**Requesting full appropriation support for the Commercial Fisheries Research and Development Act of 1964.**

**Be It Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Alaska:**

WHEREAS the Congress in 1964 approved S. 627 which became the Commercial Fisheries Research and Development Act of 1964 (P.L. 88-309, 78 Stat. 197) which included a provision authorizing the appropriation each year of \$5,000,000

for apportionment to the states to carry out the purposes of that Act; and

WHEREAS it is the purpose of P.L. 88-309 to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to cooperate with the states in carrying out projects designed for the research and development of the commercial fisheries resources of the nation; and

WHEREAS the Legislature of the State of Alaska is now in session and considering the authority and budgeting for this