

Constitutional Convention of Alaska

PROPOSAL NO. 10

Introduced by Victor Fischer

INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

RESOLVED, that the following be agreed  
upon as part of the Alaska State Constitution.

- 1 1. The Legislature may provide for cooperation on the
- 2 part of the State and its political subdivisions with
- 3 the United States and with other states and their pol-
- 4 itical subdivisions in matters affecting the public
- 5 health, safety and general welfare.

*Referred to Committee  
on the 27th  
November 27, 1955*

**RESOLUTION**

**Introduced**

**by**

**Yule F. Kilcher**

**Restoring the original name of Denali to the mountain now called  
Mt. McKinley.**

**Whereas Alaska's mountains command our love and admiration, and  
whereas one mountain more than any other is identified with Alaska,  
and,**

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**Therefore be it resolved:**

**That the original name of Denali be restored to Alaska's  
most majestic mountain and North America's highest peak,  
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The record appears faulty regarding resolutions presented to the Convention, or those proposed by delegates. No ledger account can be found like that kept for proposals, and references in the Journal are only occasionally by number. Hence, in going through the Journal, one cannot follow the resolutions in numerical sequence.

Only those resolutions which were referred to the Committee on Resolutions and Recommendations and those proposed by the Committee are contained in this folder.

A folder containing all resolutions of which copies could be found is located in the General File, Folder No. 104.

Constitutional Convention  
~~VII/Legislative/8~~  
December 2, 1955

REPORT OF THE  
COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

REFERENCE OF PROPOSALS ON CAPITAL TO RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

The Committee on the Legislative branch, to which Proposal Number 11 and Resolution No. 4 were referred wish to report that it feels this proposal and resolution are not properly a matter of this committee and therefore recommends that these proposals be referred to the Committee on Resolutions. The above proposal and resolution relate to the capital of the State Government. Other proposals on the same subject have been referred to the Committee on Resolutions:

RESOLUTION

ALASKA NATIVE LANDS

WHEREAS many Native Alaskans suffer grave inequities owing to basic conflicts between the historic Native concept of use and occupancy of land and the prevalent concept of property ownership; and

WHEREAS such conflicts have never been fully resolved in Alaska; and

WHEREAS many Native Alaskans suffer uncertainty in their use and possession of properties long occupied as homes, hunting camps, and fishing sites; and

WHEREAS substantial grants of land will be made to the State of Alaska by the United States, subject to State selection:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska Constitutional Convention

1. That the first Alaska State Legislature is hereby urged to make provision in the initial selection of lands to correct such inequities and to remove these uncertainties regarding Native home, hunting camps, and fishing sites, by granting to qualified claimants title to them;

2. That this resolution shall not prejudice or affect presently pending aboriginal claims matters.

*As passed*

3. That the proper federal agencies are urged, pending statehood, to hasten the issuance of patents in all proper cases to Native land claimants, and otherwise to adjudicate Native land claims.

DONE at College, Alaska, this fourth day of February, 1956, by direction of the Convention.

William A. Egan President

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Secretary

Constitutional Convention  
February 4, 1956

RESOLUTION

Introduced by M. R. Marston

WHEREAS, many Native Alaskans suffer grave inequities by virtue of basic conflicts between the historic Native concept of use and occupancy of land, and property ownership as known today; and

WHEREAS, such conflict has never been fully resolved in Alaska; and

WHEREAS, many Native Alaskans suffer uncertainty in their use and possession of properties long occupied as homes, hunting camps and fishing sites; and

WHEREAS, substantial grants of land will be made to the State of Alaska by the United States, subject to State selection:

NOW, THEREFORE, be it Resolved by the Alaska Constitutional Convention that the first Alaska State Legislature is hereby urged that the State in its initial selection of lands make provision to correct such inequities and to remove these uncertainties regarding Native home, hunting camp and fishing sites, by granting to qualified claimants title to them.

This resolution shall not prejudice or bear upon pending "aboriginal claims" matters.

The proper Federal agencies are urged, pending statehood, to hasten the issuance of patents in all proper cases to native land claimants and otherwise to adjudicate native land claims.

RESOLUTION

FRIENDLY RELATIONS WITH CANADA

WHEREAS Alaskans and the people across the border in Canada have long been neighbors in the fullest sense of the word; and

WHEREAS the development of Alaska will increase the matters of common interest to the people of Alaska and their neighbors in Canada; and

WHEREAS Delegates to the Alaska Constitutional Convention keenly appreciate and desire to perpetuate the mutual feeling of affection and respect which has characterized the relationship of the people of Canada and the United States;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska Constitutional Convention:

1. That the Convention express its sincere assurance that the people and government of Alaska under statehood will maintain the same friendly and mutually helpful relationship with their neighbors in Canada in the future as they have had in the past;
2. That the President of the Convention arrange for the wide dissemination of this resolution in Alaska and that he forward copies to the President of the United States and to the Secretary of State, with the request that copies be forwarded to the Prime Minister of Canada for the information of the people of Canada, particularly those in British Columbia, Alberta, and the Yukon Territory.

DONE at College, Alaska, this fourth day of February, 1956, by direction of the Convention.

ATTEST:

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Secretary

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William A. Egan

President

*As passed*



Constitutional Convention  
XIV/Resolutions & Recommendations  
January 10, 1956

REPORT  
OF  
COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The full committee, Chairman John Cross presiding, having met on January 6, 1956, and considered Delegate M. R. Marston's Resolution of December 16, 1955, entitled "Friendly Relations with Canada", hereby recommends that said Resolution be adopted by the Convention, which Resolution it herewith returns.

/s/ John M. Cross  
Chairman

Constitutional Convention  
December 16, 1955

RESOLUTION

Introduced by M. R. Marston

**FRIENDLY RELATIONS WITH CANADA**

WHEREAS, Alaskans and the people across the border in Canada have long been neighbors in the fullest sense of the word;

WHEREAS, the development of Alaska will increase the matters of common interest to the people of Alaska and their neighbors in Canada;

WHEREAS, the delegates of the Alaska Constitutional Convention have a keen appreciation for and are desirous of perpetuating the mutual feeling of affection and respect which has characterized the relationship of the people of Canada and the United States:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska Constitutional Convention:

That the Convention express, through the Governor of Alaska and the Secretary of State of the United States, the sincere hope that the people and government of Alaska under statehood will have the same friendly and mutually helpful relationship with their neighbors in Canada in the future as they have had in the past.

RESOLUTION

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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska Constitutional Convention:

1. That the Convention express the sincere hope that the people and government of Alaska under statehood will have the same friendly and mutually helpful relationship with their neighbors in Canada in the future as they have had in the past.
2. That the President of the Convention arrange for the wide dissemination of this resolution in Alaska and that he send copies to the President of the United States and the Secretary of State with the request that copies be forwarded to the Government of Canada for the information of the people of Canada, particularly those in British Columbia, Alberta, and the Yukon Territory.

Constitutional Convention  
Committee Proposal/4  
December 13, 1955

CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION OF ALASKA

COMMITTEE PROPOSAL NO. 4

Introduced by Committee on Recommendations and Resolutions  
LOCATION OF STATE CAPITAL, AND PROCEDURE FOR CHANGE THEREOF

RESOLVED, that the following ordinance be ordained:

1           Section 1. The seat of government shall be Juneau,  
2 which is established as the capital of the State until  
3 changed as hereinafter provided.

4           Section 2. At the first regular session of the  
5 Legislature held ten years after this Constitution be-  
6 comes effective, the legislature shall provide by law  
7 for making and publicizing a study of the public advan-  
8 tages, for selection as a site for the seat of govern-  
9 ment, of various communities which may petition the  
10 Legislature for selection as the seat of government,  
11 and for submitting, at the next general election after  
12 the study is made and publicized, to the qualified voters  
13 of the State the question of the selection of a site for  
14 the seat of government of the State. The community  
15 receiving 65 percent or more of the qualified votes cast  
16 at the election shall become the seat of government of  
17 the State. If no community receives at least 65 percent  
18 of the qualified votes, the question shall be submitted  
19 to the qualified voters at the next general election in

1 respect to the two communities receiving the larger  
2 number of votes at the first election, and the community  
3 receiving 55 percent or more of the qualified votes cast  
4 shall become the seat of government of the State.

CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION OF ALASKA

COMMITTEE PROPOSAL NO. 4

Introduced by Committee on Recommendations and Resolutions  
LOCATION OF STATE CAPITAL, AND PROCEDURE FOR CHANGE, THEREOF.

RESOLVED, That the following ordinance be ordained:

Section 1. The seat of government shall be Juneau, which is established as the capital of the State until changed as hereinafter provided.

Section 2. At the first regular session of the Legislature held ten years after this Constitution becomes effective, the legislature shall provide by law for making and publicizing a study of the public advantages, for selection as a site for the seat of government, of various communities which may petition the Legislature for selection as the seat of government, and for submitting, at the next general election after the study is made and publicized, to the qualified voters of the State the question of the selection of a site for the seat of government of the State. The community receiving 65 per cent or more of the qualified votes cast at the election shall become the seat of government of the State. If no community receives at least 65 per cent of the qualified votes, the question shall be submitted to the qualified voters at the next general election in respect to the two communities receiving the larger number of votes at the first election, and the community receiving 55 per cent or more of the qualified votes cast shall become the seat of government of the State.

*John M Cross*  
*Chairman*

CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION OF ALASKA

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LOCATION OF STATE CAPITAL, AND PROCEDURE FOR CHANGE, THEREOF.

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CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION OF ALASKA

COMMITTEE PROPOSAL NO. \_\_\_\_\_

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Referendum to the  
of the Legislative Branch  
November 21, 1955

~~Constitutional Convention~~

~~November 18, 1955~~

R E S O L U T I O N

LOCATION OF STATE CAPITAL

Introduced by Chris Poulsen, Anchorage

RESOLVED: That immediately after the State Government becomes in effect, a referendum be held on the following question:

"Shall the Capital of Alaska be located in the City of Juneau, the Matanuska Valley near Palmer, or the Tanana Valley near Fairbanks?"

Referred to Committee  
on Legislative Branch  
November 21, 1955

CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION

PROPOSAL NO. 11

Introduced by: Thomas Harris

LOCATION OF THE STATE CAPITAL

RESOLVED that the following be agreed upon as part of the  
Alaska State Constitution:

The location of the permanent seat of the Govern-  
ment of Alaska shall be selected by a majority  
vote of all the qualified electors of Alaska  
voting on the question.

NOTE: If the above proposal is approved, an ordinance should be  
prepared prescribing when and by what procedure the qualified  
electors of Alaska shall select the permanent seat of the govern-  
ment of Alaska and the period within which the move to the new  
capital should be effected, should a site other than Juneau be  
selected.

Constitutional Convention  
Delegate Proposal/24  
Referred to Committee on  
Resolutions and Recommendations  
November 26, 1955

Constitutional Convention of Alaska  
PROPOSAL No. 24  
Introduced by Warren A. Taylor  
SEAT OF GOVERNMENT

RESOLVED, that the following be agreed upon as part of  
the Alaska State Constitution:

1 Section 1. State Capital, Location of: The legislature shall  
2 have no power to change, or to locate the seat of government of  
3 this state; but the question of the permanent location of the  
4 seat of government of the state shall be submitted to the electors  
5 of the state at an election to be held within 120 days following the  
6 adjournment of the first state legislature. A majority of the votes  
7 cast at said election, upon said question, shall be necessary to  
8 determine the permanent location of the seat of government for the  
9 state; and no place shall ever be the seat of government which  
10 shall not receive a majority of the votes cast on the matter. In  
11 case there shall be no choice of location at the first election,  
12 another election shall be held at the next succeeding general elec-  
13 tion thereafter, the question of choice between the three places  
14 for which the highest number of votes shall have been cast at the  
15 first election. Said legislature shall provide further that in  
16 case there shall be no choice of location at said second election,  
17 the question of choice between the two places for which the highest  
18 number of votes shall have been cast, shall be submitted in like  
19 manner to the qualified electors of the state at the next ensuing

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1 general election; Provided, until the seat of government shall have  
2 been permanently located as herein provided, the temporary location  
3 shall remain at the city of Juneau.

4 Section 2. Change of capital: When the seat of government shall  
5 have been located as herein provided, the location thereof shall  
6 not thereafter be changed except by a vote of two-thirds of all the  
7 qualified electors voting on that question, at a general election,  
8 at which the question of location of the seat of government shall  
9 have been submitted by the legislature.

10 Section 3. Restriction of Appropriations: The legislature shall  
11 make no appropriations or expenditures for capital buildings or  
12 grounds, except to keep Territory buildings and grounds in repair,  
13 and for necessary additions thereto, until the seat of government  
14 shall have been permanently located and the public buildings are  
15 erected at the permanent capital in pursuance of law.

Constitutional Convention  
Delegate Proposal/28  
Referred to Committee on  
Resolutions  
November 29, 1955

Constitutional Convention of Alaska

PROPOSAL NO. 28  
Introduced by R. E. Robertson

ESTABLISHING THE SEAT OF GOVERNMENT

RESOLVED, that the following be agreed upon  
as part of the Alaska State Constitution:

1. The seat of government shall be in Juneau, which is hereby established as the capital of the State.

RESOLUTION

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ATTEST:

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Secretary

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William A. Egan

President

Constitutional Convention  
XIV/Resolutions & Recommendations  
January 10, 1956

REPORT  
OF  
COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The full committee, Chairman John Cross presiding, having met on January 6, 1956, and considered Delegate M. R. Marston's Resolution of December 16, 1955, entitled "Friendly Relations with Canada", hereby recommends that said Resolution be adopted by the Convention, which Resolution it herewith returns.

/s/ John M. Cross  
Chairman

Constitutional Convention  
December 16, 1955

RESOLUTION

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REPORT OF RESOLUTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS COMMITTEE

The Committee, having had under consideration at several meetings Delegate Victor Fischer's Proposal No. 10, and Mr. Fischer as well as Consultants Sady and Elliott having appeared before the Committee and expressed their views, and Mr. Elliott having stated that he did not think that the subject matter of Proposal No. 10 properly constituted Constitutional Matter, reports to the Convention that the Committee is of opinion that Proposal No. 10 should not be included in the Constitution and that it is not Constitutional Matter.

Adopted December 6, 1955.

John M. Cross  
Chairman

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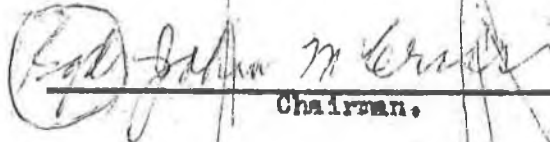
CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION  
XIV/COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS/  
REPORT ON RESOLUTION  
November 23, 1955.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

On

Resolution Introduced by Delegate Yule F. Kilcher November 22, 1955.

Upon consideration and after general discussion of the Resolution to change the name of Mt. McKinley to the name of Denali, introduced by Delegate Yule P. Kilcher on November 22, 1955, the Committee upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, reports that in its opinion said Resolution does not constitute either Constitutional or Legislative matter, and recommends that it be postponed indefinitely.

  
Chairman.

( *in Resolution*  
*November 22, 1958*

RESOLUTION

Introduced

by

Yule F. Kilcher

Restoring the original name of Denali to the mountain now called  
Mt. McKinley.

Whereas Alaska's mountains command our love and admiration, and  
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Yule F. Kildahl

Resolution caps

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November 16, 1955

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

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"I move that it is the intent of this convention that the Constitution should be a document of fundamental principles of basic law, and contain only the framework for state government, with all the details to be ordained in the discretion of future legislatures."

Now, upon consideration of said motion,  
IT IS RECOMMENDED that it be adopted and enacted by the Convention in the following amended form, viz.:

"I move that it is the intent of this convention that the Constitution should be a document of fundamental principles of basic government, and contain the framework for state government."

Dated November 16, 1955

Signed/ John M. Cross  

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Chairman

Referred to Committee on  
Legislative Branch  
November 21, 1955

R E S O L U T I O N

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Chairman