

PUBLIC SCHOOL BUILDINGS, JUNEAU, ALASKA

MAY 13, 1926.—Referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed

Mr. CURRY, from the Committee on the Territories, submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany H. R. 11803]

The Committee on the Territories, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 11803) to authorize the incorporated town of Juneau, Alaska, to issue bonds for the construction and equipment of schools therein, and for other purposes, having considered the same, report it to the House with the following amendments, with the recommendation that as amended it do pass:

On page 1, line 5, strike out "\$75,000" and insert in lieu thereof "\$100,000."

On page 1, line 5, after the word "of," insert the words "purchasing a site for and for."

On page 1, line 6, after the word "equipping," insert the words "and enlarging and repairing."

On page 2, line 1, after the word "Juneau," insert the words "whose names appear on the last assessment roll of said town for municipal taxation."

On page 2, line 10, strike out the words "a majority" and insert in lieu thereof the words "sixty-five per centum."

As amended the bill reads as follows:

A BILL To authorize the incorporated town of Juneau, Alaska, to issue bonds for the construction and equipment of schools therein, and for other purposes

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the incorporated town of Juneau, Alaska, is hereby authorized and empowered to issue its bonds in any sum not exceeding \$100,000 for the purpose of purchasing a site for and for constructing and equipping and enlarging and repairing schoolhouses in said town.

SEC. 2. That before said bonds shall be issued a special election shall be ordered by the common council of the town of Juneau, at which election the question whether such bonds shall be issued shall be submitted to the qualified electors of said town of Juneau whose names appear on the last assessment roll of said town for municipal taxation. Thirty days' notice of any such election shall be given

by publication thereof in a newspaper printed and published and of general circulation in said town before the day fixed for such election.

Sec. 3. That the registration for such election, the manner of conducting the same, and the canvass of the returns of said election shall be, as nearly as practicable, in accordance with the requirements of law in general or special elections in said municipality, and said bonds shall be issued only upon the condition that 65 per centum of the votes cast at such election in said town shall be in favor of issuing said bonds.

Sec. 4. That the bonds above specified, when authorized to be issued as hereinbefore provided, shall bear interest at a rate not to exceed 6 per centum per annum, payable semiannually, and shall not be sold for less than their par value with accrued interest and shall be in such denominations as the common council of said town may designate, but not exceeding \$1,000 each, the principal to be due in ten years from date thereof: *Provided, however,* That the common council of said town of Juneau may reserve the right to pay off such bonds in their numerical order at the rate of \$10,000 or less thereof per annum from and after the expiration of four years from their date. Principal and interest shall be payable in lawful money of the United States of America at the office of the town treasurer of the town of Juneau, Alaska, or at such other place as may be designated by the common council of the town of Juneau, the place of payment to be mentioned in said bonds: *And provided further,* That each and every such bond shall have the written signature of the mayor and clerk of said town of Juneau and also bear the seal of said town.

Sec. 5. That no part of the funds arising from the sale of said bonds shall be used for any purpose other than that specified in this act, but may be used for enlarging the present school building. Said bonds shall be sold only in such amounts as the common council shall direct, and the proceeds thereof shall be disbursed by the school board of said town under the limitations hereinbefore imposed and under the direction of said common council from time to time as the same may be required for the purposes aforesaid.

The town of Juneau, the capital of Alaska, has been experiencing a steady growth, and its population is now estimated at approximately 4,000. Its school facilities are woefully inadequate for proper instructional purposes and, unless remedied, will become more so in the immediate future.

There follow two letters addressed to the chairman of your committee by Hon. J. J. Connors, the mayor of Juneau, inclosing letters and information forwarded to him containing information showing the necessity for the repair of present school equipment and the purchase of a new site and erection of a new building.

JUNEAU, ALASKA, April 21, 1926.

Hon. C. F. CURRY,

Chairman Committee on Territories,

House of Representatives, Washington, D. C.

DEAR SIR: On March 19, 1926, the common council of the city of Juneau, Alaska, passed a resolution authorizing the said city to request the United States Congress for a bill permitting the city of Juneau to issue bonds up to \$75,000 for additional school space.

In pursuance of the above action of the common council and in compliance therewith, the city has caused the inclosed bill to be drafted and respectfully request that you introduce it in the House of Representatives at the present session of Congress.

You will also find inclosed data in support of the proposed bill, which data in itself is self-explanatory and sets forth the urgent need of an additional school building to accomodate the steady increase of school population in this city; and sets forth, further, that the city of Juneau is in a position to take care of its bonded indebtedness in the future in the same manner as it has done in the past.

The city is sending this request, for the introduction of the above bill, direct to you as chairman of the Committee on Territories, in the interest of saving time.

If there is any additional information or data which you deem necessary in support of this matter we will gladly supply same. And in this connection I can

advise that Mr. B. D. Stewart, of Juneau, Alaska, who has for a good many years been an active worker in municipal affairs of this city and particularly along educational lines, is at the present time in Washington, D. C. I have requested Mr. Stewart to call on you in the event that you wish to question some person who is well equipped with facts and first-hand information in connection with the urgent need of additional school space in this city.

Assuring you of our appreciation for your efforts in this matter and trusting we may have your support in the passage of the proposed school bill, we are,

Yours respectfully,

CITY OF JUNEAU, ALASKA,
By J. J. CONNORS, Mayor.

Attest:

JOHN A. DAVIS, Clerk.

JUNEAU, ALASKA, April 22, 1926.

Hon. C. F. CURRY,
House of Representatives, Washington, D. C.

DEAR SIR: Under date of April 21, I addressed a letter to you inclosing a proposed bill authorizing the city of Juneau to bond itself in the sum of \$75,000 for additional school purposes.

The above-mentioned bill, however, did not provide for the purchase of a site for the structure, and it is requested that the matter of purchasing said site be included in the bill.

The sum of \$100,000 being, therefore, the amount desired for the building and site and equipment and for enlarging of and repairs to the present building.

Yours respectfully,

J. J. CONNORS, Mayor.

JUNEAU, ALASKA, March 23, 1926.

Mr. JOHN A. DAVIS,
Secretary Board of Education,
Juneau, Alaska.

DEAR MR. DAVIS: The following information is sent you at your request, in connection with the proposed expansion of our school plant:

JUNEAU PUBLIC SCHOOLS

ENROLLMENT BY YEARS, 1918-1926

	Increase over 1918-19
1918-19 (252)-----	None.
1919-20 (291)-----	15. 5
1920-21 (315)-----	25. 0
1921-22 (344)-----	36. 5
1922-23 (331)-----	31. 3
1923-24 (320)-----	27. 0
1924-25 (344)-----	36. 5
1925-26 (401)-----	59. 1

PROBABLE INCREASE 1926-1933

You will note from the above table a total increase in enrollment for seven years of 149 pupils, or an average of 21½ pupils per year. The Juneau School was 59.1 per cent larger in 1925-26 than in 1918-19.

Using the average increase of pupils per year for the past seven years as an index for future increase, by 1933 the Juneau schools should have an average daily attendance of 550 pupils. Using the per cent of increase during the past seven years as an index for future growth, by 1933 the Juneau schools should have an average daily attendance of 640 pupils.

Present indications are that next year we will have about 50 more pupils enrolled than at present.

PRESENT CONDITION OF SCHOOL

At the present time all available space is used for class rooms. The present building is planned to accommodate about 250 elementary pupils. Our elementary enrollment this year has averaged 330 pupils, or 80 pupils more than plans were made for. To accommodate this overflow we found it necessary to place the eighth grade in one of the high-school laboratories, and the kindergarten in the sewing room of the domestic science department. We have had the use of only one laboratory for the past two years, which has crowded this type of work into inadequate space, and some of the classes requiring laboratory work into a laboratory not equipped for that type of work. In order to still provide sewing facilities for our home economics students, we have moved the sewing equipment to the girls' dressing room, an anteroom of the gymnasium.

The school building in other ways has become inadequate for the demands now made upon it. The cooking laboratory was designed for about 12 to 15 girls. We find it necessary to accommodate classes from 15 to 20 girls. Our kindergarten room, a standard size classroom, is too small and has prevented us from installing some very desirable kindergarten equipment. The woodworking shop was planned for 12 pupils. We now find it necessary to handle woodworking classes of up to 20 pupils. This has made it necessary for us to set up benches in the lumber storeroom for the use of our woodworking students. One teacher can not handle two rooms satisfactorily at the same time.

Our gymnasium is the most overcrowded section of the school. With practically no chance during the winters for the pupils to play outdoors it has been necessary to provide recreation for them in the gymnasium. The gymnasium is used by boys and girls on alternate days, under a physical education teacher. By taking two classes at one time, i. e., boys from sixth and seventh grades together we are able to give pupils 60 minutes per week of physical training. due to the smallness of the gymnasium (35 by 59 feet) and the largeness of the classes (up to 35 pupils) the work must be largely formal physical drill.

Adequate recreation space is probably the most outstanding need of the school just now

rusting the above satisfactorily answers your questions, I am,

Sincerely,

W. K. KELLER, *Superintendent.*

Juneau school bond redemption program, 1919 to 1926

	Interest paid	Bonds redeemed		Interest paid	Bonds redeemed
Mar. 1, 1919.....	\$3, 732.50	-----	Mar. 31, 1924.....	\$20.84	\$5, 000.00
Mar. 1, 1920.....	3, 750.00	-----	Mar. 1, 1925.....	1, 250.00	10, 000.00
Mar. 1, 1921.....	3, 750.00	\$10, 000.00	Mar. 1, 1926.....	750.00	7, 500.00
Mar. 1, 1922.....	3, 250.00	15, 000.00			
Mar. 1, 1923.....	2, 500.00	10, 000.00		21, 003.34	67, 500.00
Mar. 1, 1924.....	2, 000.00	10, 000.00			

Bonds issued..... \$75, 000
Bonds redeemed..... 67, 500

Balance of bonds..... 7, 500

Balance of \$7,500, together with interest thereon, will be redeemed on or before March 1, 1927.

Assessed valuation of property and taxes, city of Juneau, Alaska, 1921-1925

Year	Assessed valuation	Rate of taxation	Amount of delinquent taxes	Taxes collected
		<i>Mills</i>		
1921.....	\$3, 962, 120.00	18	\$772.65	\$70, 031.19
1922.....	3, 556, 425.00	18	180.45	63, 718.73
1923.....	3, 552, 800.00	19	183.96	66, 484.86
1924.....	3, 519, 250.00	19	493.45	65, 422.33
1925.....	3, 672, 810.00	19	270.27	66, 943.63

Appropriation exclusive of bonds and interest

Year	From city	From territory	Year	From city	From territory
1921-22-----	\$18,000	\$20,000	1924-25-----	\$20,000	\$20,000
1922-23-----	18,000	20,000	1925-26-----	19,000	20,000
1923-24-----	18,000	20,000			

Additional \$2,000 in 1924-25 was for installing oil burner heating plant.

Hon. B. D. Stewart, formerly mayor of Juneau and at present president of the Juneau Parent-Teachers Association, appeared before your committee in advocacy of this bill. In addition to his verbal support of the measure, he filed with your committee the following statements:

Statement of postal receipts at the Juneau, Alaska, post office from 1910 to 1925, inclusive, as supplied by the office of the First Assistant Postmaster General

Fiscal year—	Amount	Fiscal year—Continued.	Amount
1910-----	\$5,977.57	1919-----	\$19,970.91
1911-----	6,360.63	1920-----	17,664.58
1912-----	6,461.70	1921-----	18,139.76
1913-----	8,968.95	1922-----	16,936.34
1914-----	14,013.94	1923-----	17,824.69
1915-----	15,588.00	1924-----	19,155.69
1916-----	17,851.66	1925-----	19,735.95
1917-----	18,790.43	Calendar year 1925-----	21,082.54
1918-----	19,221.45		

School enrollment in Alaska by school years

[Taken from Reports of Territorial Commissioner of Education. Compiled by M. L. Merritt]

Year	Expenditures outside incorporated towns	Expenditures in incorporated towns	Enrollment								
			Out of incorporated towns	Inside incorporated towns	Total Alaska	Anchorage	Con-dova	Doug-las	Eagle	Fair-banks	Haines
1906-7	\$19,980		408								
1907-8	38,116		672								
1908-9	40,762		684								
1909-10	38,631		621								
1910-11	43,484										
1911-12	50,000										
1912-13	53,160		943								
1913-14	61,659		939								
1914-15	61,426	\$106,206	961	1,542	2,503						
1915-16	78,241	111,917	1,470	1,693	3,163						
1916-17	79,740	136,632	1,364	1,778	3,142						
1917-18	100,046	144,214	1,180	1,847	3,027	274	106	206	11	205	46
1918-19	109,405	145,277	1,208	1,718	2,926	193	107	151		186	44
1919-20	129,756	176,584	1,357	1,828	3,185	196	133	148	6	198	43
1920-21	129,970	241,961	1,197	2,286	3,483	225	143	178	7	194	53
1921-22	116,937	245,090	1,135	2,078	3,213	232	125	189	8	189	45
1922-23	124,140	268,110	1,172	2,610	3,782	302	188	185	10	238	54
1923-24	161,223	280,168	1,231	2,744	3,975	338	198	185	11	294	57
1924-25			1,197	2,858	4,055	322	191	156	10	280	56
1925-26	(?)		1,233	2,574	3,807	281	180	157	8	277	58

¹ Prior to 1917-18 figures for outside of incorporated towns are number of children from 6 to 20 years of age residing in Territory. After that date figures show actual enrollment.

² Figures are taken at end of 1925. They will increase materially by the end of the year. It is estimated that the enrollment of Juneau will increase about 30 pupils.

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School enrollment in Alaska by school years—Continued

Year	Juneau	Ketchikan	Nenana	Nome	Petersburg	Seward	Sitka	Skagway	Tanana	Valdez	Wrangell
1917-18.....	348	254	28	127	91	103	-----	122	17	101	102
1918-19.....	326	289	44	105	104	96	-----	103	23	72	110
1919-20.....	387	316	37	99	100	94	-----	95	30	61	129
1920-21.....	381	399	35	70	97	99	80	92	21	66	146
1921-22.....	345	335	34	50	90	77	77	88	14	51	119
1922-23.....	435	422	73	66	117	93	92	91	15	61	168
1923-24.....	412	431	51	93	139	112	92	79	16	59	177
1924-25.....	³ 430	571	43	95	161	97	93	90	11	62	190
1925-26.....	446	492	41	96	176	96	90	96	16	64	186

³ At the present time there is a parochial school in Juneau with slightly over 70 pupils.

Annual report of the Juneau School Board for the year ending April 1, 1926

RECEIPTS

Territory of Alaska.....	\$25, 748. 07
City of Juneau.....	18, 000. 00
Sales of books.....	1, 903. 78
Miscellaneous.....	413. 63
Total.....	46, 065. 48

DISBURSEMENTS

Teachers' salaries.....	26, 464. 80
Superintendent's salary.....	3, 338. 00
Janitor's salary.....	2, 940. 00
Secretary's salary.....	240. 00
Books, school.....	2, 075. 89
School supplies.....	856. 83
Janitor's supplies.....	350. 01
New equipment.....	924. 21
Manual training.....	171. 64
Domestic science.....	168. 36
Laboratory.....	188. 42
Fuel oil.....	1, 084. 00
Hauling.....	163. 50
Lights.....	495. 15
Power.....	377. 55
Laundry.....	27. 00
Garbage.....	11. 50
Repairs.....	1, 229. 17
Library.....	156. 69
Miscellaneous.....	600. 00
Total.....	41, 863. 32
Balance Apr. 1, 1925.....	1, 381. 19
Receipts.....	46, 065. 48
Total.....	47, 446. 67
Disbursements.....	41, 863. 32
Balance Apr. 1, 1926.....	5, 583. 35

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Annual report of the financial condition of the town of Juneau by the city clerk for the year ending April 1, 1926

RECEIPTS

Taxes	\$66, 943. 63
Fines	882. 25
License peddlers	15. 00
Dog license	282. 00
Auto license	2, 996. 50
Merchandise license	8, 415. 45
City wharf	12, 844. 35
Coal	13, 257. 90
Cemetery	642. 00
Miscellaneous as per schedule	601. 94
Total	106, 881. 02

SCHEDULE OF MISCELLANEOUS RECEIPTS

Interest on average daily balance	153. 04
Sale of sand and gravel	44. 00
Sewer collections	32. 90
Cold storage rent	200. 00
Cliff Apartment, light	12. 00
Sale of motor	150. 00
Piling sale to Keeney	10. 00
Total	601. 94

EXPENDITURES

Miscellaneous	4, 762. 86
Streets	22, 320. 89
Wharf	13, 643. 75
Coal	12, 489. 25
City hall	4, 716. 15
Police department	4, 662. 70
Fire department	5, 835. 25
City clerk and magistrate	3, 229. 44
Taxes and electricity	649. 90
Cemetery	1, 353. 77
Hydrants	1, 946. 97
Indigent fund	270. 65
Health department	353. 00
Schools	18, 000. 00
Library	1, 800. 00
School bonds	7, 500. 00
Interest, school bonds	750. 00
Street lights	3, 672. 65
Total	107, 957. 23

CASH STATEMENT

Cash on hand Apr. 1, 1925	3, 067. 32
Receipts	106, 881. 02
Total	109, 948. 34
Disbursements	107, 957. 23
Cash balance Mar. 31, 1926	1, 991. 11

In addition to the 446 children attending the public school of Juneau, 70 attended parochial schools.

