

miles which provides the richest fishery in the world; and

WHEREAS, the Alaskan fishery has suffered serious depletion due to federal mismanagement and abuse, and lack of knowledge and interest on the part of industry and responsible fishery agencies; and

WHEREAS, it is an established fact that if this fishery is not protected, developed and utilized by the people of Alaska and the United States it will most surely be exploited by foreign nations, even up to the three-mile limit, and add thereby an additional threat to one of

Alaska's basic industries; and

WHEREAS, previous federal appropriations for research and development of this great resource have been grossly inadequate;

NOW THEREFORE, Your Memorialist urges that the State of Alaska be provided funds by Congress in the amount of \$30,000,000 over a period of 15 years to rehabilitate the fisheries of the State of Alaska through a program embracing research, development, conservation and processing aspects of fishing.

Passed by the House February 4, 1960.
Passed by the Senate February 10, 1960.

SENATE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 34

To the Honorable Robert B. Anderson, Secretary of the Treasury; Rear Admiral Chester Harding, Commander, Seventeenth District, U. S. Coast Guard; the Honorable E. L. Bartlett and the Honorable Ernest Gruening, Senators from Alaska; and the Honorable Ralph J. Rivers, Representative from Alaska:

Your Memorialist, the Legislature of the State of Alaska in Second Session assembled, respectfully submits that:

WHEREAS, it is agreed that at the present time it is not economically feasible to undertake the dredging and stabilization of the middle mouth of the Yukon River; and

WHEREAS, such an undertaking is more than the residents of the lower Yukon area request or expect; and

WHEREAS, the residents of the lower Yukon area ask only that the Coast Guard annually, following the spring break-up, post channel markers in the middle mouth of the Yukon River so that it may be utilized for commerce; and

WHEREAS, the use of the middle

mouth of the Yukon will result in a decrease to the extremely high cost of freight transportation in this area — as much as fifty dollars a ton from St. Michael to the lower Yukon River delta; and

WHEREAS, the channel at the middle mouth of the Yukon is deeper and better defined than that one now marked and used and will be easier and less costly to mark than the one now in use;

NOW THEREFORE, Your Memorialist respectfully urges that the U. S. Coast Guard mark the middle mouth of the Yukon River for navigation in time for the 1960 navigation season; the middle mouth of the Yukon River is that mouth known as Kwikpak and is situate approximately half way between Sheldon's Point and Kotlik on the coast line. "Mark" in this case will mean "marking by the placing of numbered buoys in the river channel" and the installation of a blinker light on an island situate at the mouth of the said Kwikpak River.

Passed by the House February 5, 1960.
Passed by the Senate February 10, 1960.

HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 35

To the Honorable Dwight D. Eisenhower, President of the United States; the Honorable Fred A. Seaton, Secretary of

the Interior; the Honorable Thomas S. Gates, Jr., Secretary of Defense; the Honorable Sam Rayburn, Speaker of

the House of Representatives; the Honorable Richard Nixon, President of the Senate; the Honorable E. L. Bartlett and the Honorable Ernest Gruening, Senators from Alaska; and the Honorable Ralph J. Rivers, Representative from Alaska:

Your Memorialist, the Legislature of the State of Alaska in First Legislature, Second Session assembled respectfully submits that:

WHEREAS, the citizens of Barrow, Alaska, are in desperate need of fuel with which to heat their homes during the harsh Arctic winter; and

WHEREAS, this desperate need is a chronic, annual occurrence, caused by Barrow's extreme isolation from its artificially determined sources of fuel supply; and

WHEREAS, a ready source of natural gas for fuel is now being used at Barrow, but exclusively by the federal government as a private monopoly for the several federal agencies located at Barrow; and

WHEREAS, this source of fuel, although held as a private monopoly by the federal government, is rightly the property of all the people — its discovery, exploitation, transmission, and even its very monopoly use being paid for from the tax moneys of the people, including the citizens of Barrow; and

WHEREAS, the only argument advanced against the use of the natural gas by the citizens of Barrow is that such use will result in a more rapid diminution of the source than will the private, re-

stricted use of the several federal agencies; and

WHEREAS, these federal agencies would never want for fuel even if the gas were completely expended and the only suffering they would experience would be inconvenience rather than cold such as the citizens of Barrow must suffer; and

WHEREAS, the welfare of our citizens is immeasurably more important than is the convenience of any or all the federal agencies, and the convenience of any government should never be placed before the welfare of the people from which all legitimate government springs and in which all legitimate powers of government rest; and

WHEREAS, Secretary of the Interior Seaton promised the people of Barrow that he would do all possible to supply them with natural gas; that his department was not opposed to such a move; that only technical, legal difficulties stood in the way of such a move; and that if these difficulties could not be solved administratively, he would "initiate legislation making the gas available to the Barrow Eskimos";

NOW THEREFORE, Your Memorialist urges the Honorable Secretary of the Interior to honor his promise to the people of Barrow and to meet his duties as a servant of the people and requests the federal government to relinquish its selfish monopoly on the natural gas supply of Barrow and share with the people the fuel which they so desperately need.

Passed by the House February 5, 1960.

Passed by the Senate February 11, 1960.

HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 36

To the President of the United States and the Honorable E. L. Bartlett and the Honorable Ernest Gruening, Senators from Alaska; the Honorable Ralph J. Rivers, Representative from Alaska; the Honorable Clarence Cannon, Chairman of the House Appropriations Committee; and the Honorable Carl Hayden, Chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee:

Your Memorialist, the Legislature of

the State of Alaska in First Legislature, Second Session assembled respectfully submits that:

WHEREAS, the State of Alaska abounds in a natural wealth of virgin forests; and

WHEREAS, the wealth of these forests is barely tapped; and

WHEREAS, the proper utilization of