

HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 39

To the Honorable Dwight D. Eisenhower, President of the United States; the Honorable Thomas S. Gates, Jr., Secretary of Defense; 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 United States Departments of Defense now have under consideration the question of whether or not natural gas from the Gubik structure north of the Brooks Range should be utilized as a source of fuel for the several military bases and installations in the vicinity of Fairbanks, Alaska; and

WHEREAS, the Secretary of the Interior did in 1958 release said structure and proximate areas for oil and gas leasing; and

WHEREAS, the policy of the Secretary thus expressed to encourage the exploration and development of oil and gas production from the area of known potential north of said range, was the culmination of the persistent and tireless efforts by agencies and representatives of the Territory of Alaska, civic-minded organizations and other interested citizens; and

WHEREAS, the fruition of that policy will have its inception in the distribution of gas to the residents of Fairbanks and vicinity and to said military bases and installations; and

WHEREAS, in recognition thereof, the Secretary of the Interior has granted a pipeline right-of-way from said Gubik gas structure to the Fairbanks area; and

WHEREAS, the substantial investment and cost involved in the development of the Gubik gas reserve and the construction and installation of said pipeline is not economically feasible without the utilization of gas by said several bases and installations as the largest potential consumer thereof; and

WHEREAS, natural gas can be supplied to said bases and installations and to the residents of the Fairbanks area at far less cost than the present principal source of fuel; and

WHEREAS, the availability of such a source of fuel will have a substantial and favorable impact upon the economic and industrial development of the Fairbanks area, and ultimately upon the entire state; and

WHEREAS, such source of fuel will likewise have a substantial and beneficial impact on the facility of maintaining the national defense in Alaska;

NOW, THEREFORE, your Memorialist respectfully prays that the President support and that the Department of Defense take prompt and favorable action that will bring about early utilization of natural gas by the several military bases and installations in the vicinity of Fairbanks, Alaska.

Passed by the House February 8, 1960.

Passed by the Senate February 11, 1960.

HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 42

To the Honorable Sam Rayburn, Speaker of the House of Representatives; the Honorable Richard M. Nixon, President of the Senate; the Honorable Fred A. Seaton, Secretary of the Interior; 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 welfare of the people of Alaska and the economic future of the State of Alaska is inextricably joined with the sound, systematic and secure development of its mining resources without undue delay; and

WHEREAS, every effort should be made to encourage the development of

the State of Alaska's mining resources and to facilitate mining activities and the patenting of mining entries on federal lands located within the State of Alaska; and

WHEREAS, on June 7, 1910 (36 Stat. 459), the Congress of the United States enacted a statute relating to the filing of adverse claims and the instituting of adverse suits against mineral entries on federal lands in the then Territory of Alaska; and

WHEREAS, this statute was made applicable only to the then Territory, now the State of Alaska, and by the provisions thereof increased by eight months the period of time within which adverse claimants are permitted to file objections to the issuance of a patent on mineral entries made upon federal lands in the State of Alaska and also extended the period of time in which adverse suits against such mineral entries could be instituted; and

WHEREAS, said statute of 1910 has caused great delay in the issuance of patents to mining entries and has had a detrimental effect upon the mining industry in the State of Alaska; and

WHEREAS, the present conditions of communication and travel in the State of Alaska do not justify exceptional treatment to be made as to mineral entries made on federal lands in the State of Alaska; and

WHEREAS, the repeal of said statute will act as an incentive to the mining industry of Alaska by accelerating patent proceedings as to federal lands; and

WHEREAS, there is presently pending in the Senate of the United States Senate Bill No. 2909 which would repeal the provisions of the aforementioned statute approved June 7, 1910 (36 Stat 495);

NOW THEREFORE, Your Memorialist urges that the Congress and the Executive Branch proceed with deliberate speed to pass Senate Bill No. 2909 entitled "A Bill to repeal an Act entitled 'An Act extending the time in which to file adverse claims and institute adverse suits against mineral entries in the district of Alaska', approved June 7, 1910 (36 Stat. 459)."

Passed by the House February 16, 1960.

Passed by the Senate February 24, 1960.

HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 43

To the Honorable Sumner G. Whittier, Administrator of Veterans Affairs; the Honorable Lister Hill, Chairman, Senate Committee on Labor and Public Welfare; the Honorable Olin E. Teague, Chairman, House Committee on Veterans Affairs; 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 funds available for veterans' loans in Alaska under the Federal Loan program for direct home loans and for guaranteeing home loans are insufficient; and

WHEREAS, veterans coming to Alaska are unable to secure a loan for a home

without the aid of the veterans' loan program; and

WHEREAS, hundreds of veterans have applied for veterans' loans for the purchase of homes in Alaska; and

WHEREAS, funds for the purpose of said loans have been depleted to the extent that eligible veterans have to be placed on waiting lists in excessive numbers; and

WHEREAS, it may take as long as twelve months to acquire a direct veterans' loan; and

WHEREAS, legislation has been introduced in the Congress to alleviate this difficulty and to provide for decent housing and accommodation of veterans in Alaska;

NOW THEREFORE, Your Memorialist urges the enactment of the proposed legislation by the Congress to extend the