

has been growing at a record rate during the past 10 years due to the increase of employment opportunity in the area; and

WHEREAS, the new and planned construction of schools, hospitals, and other installations will further increase the Barrow population during the years to come; and

WHEREAS, the towns and villages along the Arctic coast have been unable to import sufficient fuel oil and other commodities during the past several years to last through the winter; and

WHEREAS, the only vessel supplying the civilian portion of the population of the area is the Bureau of Indian Affairs USMS NORTH STAR, which has reached

the limit of its fuel oil capacity and cargo space; and

WHEREAS, the USMS NORTH STAR serves over 40 Arctic communities not otherwise served by commercial surface transportation with fuel oil and other commodities;

NOW THEREFORE, Your Memorialist urges that the Department of the Interior make the necessary arrangements to permit the Bureau of Indian Affairs or other government ships to provide this necessary expanded fuel and cargo service to communities not otherwise served by commercial surface transportation.

Passed by the House February 12, 1960.

HOUSE MEMORIAL NO. 12

To the Honorable Thomas S. Gates, Jr., Secretary of Defense; the Honorable James H. Douglas, Secretary of the Air Force; 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 House of Representatives of the State of Alaska in First Legislature, Second Session assembled, respectfully submits that:

WHEREAS, Pan American World Airways has announced its intention to begin jet aircraft traffic on its Seattle to Fairbanks run this March; and

WHEREAS, the only airport at Fairbanks which is presently capable of accommodating the large jet transports which are used by Pan American is at

Ladd Air Force Base, and Pan American has requested temporary use of that airport; and

WHEREAS, the federal government has in the past permitted the use of Ladd Air Force Base, as well as other air bases, by private airlines when other airports were not available or suitable for use; and

WHEREAS, the use would be temporary pending the completion of the already begun extension of the landing strip of the state airport at Fairbanks;

NOW THEREFORE, Your Memorialist urges the federal government to once again permit the use of Ladd Air Force Base by Pan American World Airways until such time as another suitable airport is available for jet transports at Fairbanks.

Passed by the House February 26, 1960.

HOUSE MEMORIAL NO. 13

To the Honorable Richard M. Nixon, President of the Senate; the Honorable Sam Rayburn, Speaker of the House of Representatives; 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 House of Representatives of the State of Alaska in First Legislature, Second Session assembled, respectfully represents that:

WHEREAS, the great advancement of industry, agriculture, and transportation in the United States has been made pos-

sible through an assured supply of fuels, minerals, timber and arable lands; and

WHEREAS, the United States, with only 7% of the world's population, consumes over a third of the world's production of fuels, minerals and timber products; and

WHEREAS, increasing population and improved living standards throughout the world are placing increased demands on natural resources to the extent that this nation's dominant use of such resources is seriously threatened; and

WHEREAS, the State of Alaska is the largest, under-developed integral part of the United States and the most attractive source from which to replenish these dwindling resources of the nation and their development will assure continued prosperity to the United States;

and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill No. 1123, the "Wilderness Act," would effectively discourage and prevent the development of the mineral wealth of Alaska; the scientific harvesting of its timber, the development of power for industry and the economical location of processing plants for wealth from the sea; and

WHEREAS, although congressional hearings on said bill were held in some parts of the state, no hearings were held in northwestern Alaska thereby depriving the people of that area who are affected by the bill from being heard;

NOW THEREFORE, Your Memorialist urges that the Senate of the United States of America, in the national interest, not enact into law Senate Bill No. 1123.

Passed by the House March 15, 1960.

HOUSE MEMORIAL NO. 14

To the Honorable Frederick H. Mueller, Secretary of Commerce; the Honorable Bertram D. Tallamy, Federal Highway Administrator; the Honorable William J. Niemi, Regional Director, Bureau of Public Roads; 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 House of Representatives of the State of Alaska in First Legislature, Second Session assembled, respectfully submits that:

WHEREAS, the Steese Highway is closed each winter due to heavy snows; and

WHEREAS, the winter closure leaves the road impassable far into the spring; and

WHEREAS, it is essential that the

highway be opened by May 1 in order that supplies and necessary equipment may be taken over the highway to the people of Circle, Central, Circle Springs and Miller House, and so that miners and others may have access to the area served by the Steese Highway before the summer is half over; and

WHEREAS, in recent years the Bureau of Public Roads has been late in removing the winter's accumulation of snow from the Steese Highway, causing the highway to be closed after May 1 to the detriment of the people who must use this important link;

NOW THEREFORE, Your Memorialist urges the Bureau of Public Roads to fulfill its obligations to a patient but needful citizenry by clearing the Steese Highway for the use of travelers no later than May 1, 1960.

Passed by the House March 23, 1960.

HOUSE MEMORIAL NO. 15

To the Honorable Dwight D. Eisenhower, President of the United States; the Honorable Fred Seaton, Secretary of the Interior; the Honorable E. L. Bart-

lett and the Honorable Ernest Gruening, Senators from Alaska; and the Honorable Ralph J. Rivers, Representative from Alaska: