

Senate Joint Memorials

SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 28

To the Honorable Dwight D. Eisenhower, President of the United States; the Honorable Franklin Floete, Administrator of the General Services Administration; 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, Interior Alaska, as well as all of Alaska, has for many years been the victim of Federal neglect; and

WHEREAS, with the coming of statehood and equal rights it finds its easily accessible resources depleted; and

WHEREAS, most of the capital im-

provements for the new state must await development of less accessible resources; and

WHEREAS, the construction of a new Federal building at Fairbanks, Alaska, and the gift to the State of Alaska of the existing structure would, in some measure, compensate for the millions in gold taken from the Fairbanks area during years of colonialism;

NOW THEREFORE, Your Memorialist urges and requests the President of the United States and the General Services Administration to convey title of the existing Federal building, Second and Cushman Street, Fairbanks, Alaska, to the State of Alaska, and to construct a long planned Federal building in Fairbanks.

Passed by the Senate February 4, 1960.
Passed by the House February 12, 1960.

SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 30

To the Honorable Dwight D. Eisenhower, President of the United States; 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 Legislature of the State of Alaska in First Legislature, Second Session assembled, respectfully represents that:

WHEREAS, the southeastern region of Alaska has no connecting roads or highways; and

WHEREAS, communities in this area of Alaska are located along the coastal areas and on offshore islands making the construction of roads uneconomical and in some cases impractical; and

WHEREAS, the most feasible way to provide surface transportation in this area of Alaska is the initiation of a ferry system between the terminus of the Haines Highway at Haines, Alaska, and the terminus of Highway 16 at Prince Rupert, British Columbia, thereby connecting these two roads and providing surface transportation to the intermediate communities; and

WHEREAS, no method of financing is available under existing laws relating to highway and ferry vessel construction; and

WHEREAS, there has been introduced in the Congress S. 1956 to amend the Merchant Marine Act of 1936 to classify the aforementioned ferry run as foreign trade thereby qualifying the ferry vessels engaged in such trade for construction subsidy and loans under the Merchant Marine Act of 1936; and S. 2661 to amend Federal-aid Highway Acts to permit the participation of federal-aid highway