

# House Joint Memorials

## HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 1

**To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the United States Congress assembled:**

We, your Memorialists, the Legislature of the State of Alaska, respectfully represent that:

WHEREAS, the development and utilization of Alaska's abundant mineral resources will be one of the principal future bulwarks of the State's economy, providing not only a source of employment and income but also a sound base for tax revenues; and

WHEREAS, the basic and essential mining industry has for several years been confronted with adverse economic conditions so severe that metal mining enterprises in the State, involving the production of antimony, tungsten, tin, chromite, and other strategic metals, have been forced out of business; and

WHEREAS, the cause of this serious predicament of our mining industry can be traced to governmental policy which stimulates the development and exploitation of foreign mineral resources and permits relatively free access of this low-cost foreign production to the U. S. Markets; and

WHEREAS, this policy if continued will not only threaten the existence of Alaska's future metal mining industry, but will also impose a serious handicap on our nation's capacity for providing from domestic sources the basic requirements for national defense; and

WHEREAS, the executive department of the federal government and both major political parties, as well as the Conference of Western Governors, have officially recognized the necessity for maintaining a domestic mining industry that is sufficient-ly progressive and vigorous to assure a

minerals mobilization base adequate for national preparedness and security; and

WHEREAS, past efforts by the federal government to alleviate the depressed conditions which prevail in various segments of the domestic mining industry by means of short-range programs and temporary expedients such as stockpiling and quota limitations have proved ineffective and inadequate;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Second Legislature of the State of Alaska, now in session, the House of Representatives and the Senate concurring, that we respectfully urge the Congress of the United States and the executive department of the Federal Government to develop and adopt as soon as possible a natural minerals policy that will guarantee a strong and healthy domestic mining industry by assuring domestic producers a fair and equitable share of domestic metal markets.

We recommend that this policy be implemented by more effective enforcement of the Anti-Dumping Laws, and by the imposition of adequate duties on metals and mineral imports to be applied only if and when the price of the metals fall below the period point level that is required to maintain a sound and healthy domestic mining industry.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of State of the State of Alaska be, and he hereby is, authorized and directed to forward certified copies of this Memorial to the President and Vice-President of the United States, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the Congress and to the Senators and Representative representing this State in the Congress of the United States.

Passed by the House March 8, 1961.

Passed by the Senate March 30, 1961.