

1. IN THE HOUSE

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2. HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 6

3. IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE TERRITORY OF ALASKA

4. TWENTY-FIRST SESSION

5. TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, THE SECRETARY OF THE  
6. INTERIOR, THE DIRECTOR OF OFFICE OF DEFENSE MOBILIZATION, THE  
7. DIRECTOR U. S. BUREAU OF MINES, THE DEFENSE MINERALS ADMINIS-  
8. TRATION, THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE, THE ALASKA ROAD  
9. COMMISSION, AND THE DELEGATE TO CONGRESS FROM ALASKA:

10. Your Memorialist, the Legislature of the Territory of  
11. Alaska, in Twenty-first Regular Session, assembled, respectfully  
12. submits that:

13. WHEREAS, The Alaska Territorial Bureau of Mines and The  
14. U. S. Bureau of Mines have made intensive studies of The Defense  
15. Mineral Potential in the Seward Peninsula Area, and

16. WHEREAS, said studies have disclosed the presence of vast  
17. quantities of graphite, tin, antimony, sheelite, lead and  
18. undetermined quantities of even more valuable defense minerals  
19. in this area, and

20. WHEREAS, the United States Tin Corporation is now operating  
21. the only tin mine on the North American Continent at Lost River,  
22. Alaska, and

23. WHEREAS, the present high cost and irregularity of air  
24. transportation and the infrequency and high cost of boat trans-  
25. portation is endangering the success of this aforementioned tin  
26. Mine, thus placing the United States in a dangerous position,  
27. since the Bolivian supply of tin may be cut off at any time  
28. due to internal strife in that country, and

29. WHEREAS, a highway linking Lost River with the cities of

1. Teller and Nome would alleviate these detrimental factors,  
2. at the same time bringing mining costs of graphite down to a  
3. point where production of the vast deposits of this mineral  
4. would be more practicable, and

5. WHEREAS, the continuation of the Nome-Council Road on up  
6. the Kougarok Railroad to its northernmost terminus, thence  
7. eastward to join the Alcan Highway would open the major por-  
8. tion of other known defense mineral areas to the potential  
9. miners who know that without this outlet to the Alcan Highway  
10. the cost of production would be and has proven prohibitive, and

11. WHEREAS, the people of Alaska wish not only to develop  
12. its natural resources but to contribute to the greatest extent  
13. to the war effort against a potential enemy who lies within  
14. naked eye view of Alaska's west Coast, and

15. WHEREAS, the people of Northwestern Alaska are virtually  
16. without industry in an area of extreme plenty, and

17. WHEREAS, thousands in Federal and Territorial funds are  
18. spent each month on unemployment compensation and aid for the  
19. children of unemployed fathers, and

20. WHEREAS, the military advantages or disadvantages of  
21. highways in time of war are no greater nor less in this area  
22. than they have been or will be in thousands of areas where no  
23. such national wealth exists.

24. NOW, THEREFORE, your Memorialist, the Legislature of the  
25. Territory of Alaska respectfully urges the survey for and con-  
26. struction of a highway from Lost River, Alaska to the Alcan  
27. Highway; said highway to follow as nearly as practicable the  
28. areas of known defense mineral deposits, cities and villages  
29. enroute.

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AND YOUR MEMORIALIST WILL EVER PRAY.