

1 IN THE HOUSE

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HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 7

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE TERRITORY OF ALASKA

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TWENTY-FIRST SESSION

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TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES; THE CONGRESS OF THE

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UNITED STATES; DIRECTOR OF DEFENSE MOBILIZATION; SECRETARY

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OF DEFENSE; SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR; THE GOVERNOR OF ALASKA;

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THE DELEGATE TO CONGRESS FROM ALASKA; THE BUREAU OF PUBLIC

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ROADS; AND THE ALASKA ROAD COMMISSION, JUNEAU, ALASKA:

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Your Memorialist, the Legislature of the Territory of

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Alaska, in Twenty-First Session assembled, respectfully rep-

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resents that:

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WHEREAS, the connection by road of the Nenana coal field

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center at Healy, Alaska, via Nenana, Alaska, to Fairbanks,

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Alaska, is important for the defense and development of the

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interior of Alaska; and,

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WHEREAS, a road constructed via Nenana would make the

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construction feasible as the foot hills of the Tortella Range

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are so located as to give material, grade and drainage; and

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WHEREAS, the much needed link between these three northern

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communities would open up vast portions of land needed for home-

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steading, grazing, mining and various other industries; and

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WHEREAS, the travel of persons to and from Fairbanks,

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Nenana, Healy and Suntrana would soon justify this construction

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cost through the rapid development of farming and industry; and

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WHEREAS, the coal supply to the military as well as the

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civilian industries and population of the greater Fairbanks area

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would be safe-guarded in case of war; and

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WHEREAS, the head of River Transportation is located at

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1. Nenana for the Yukon and Tanana Rivers, with the River marine
2. ways and shops as well as docks located at Nenana, thus giving
3. all the interior of greater Alaska a direct link with the
4. United States and cities of Alaska by road; and

5. WHEREAS, the Alaska Road Commission has surveyed the
6. proposed link between Nenana and Fairbanks in the year of 1951;
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8. WHEREAS, the settlers and farmers of Nenana are waiting
9. to bring cattle and farming into the little Gold Stream Valley
10. as soon as the road is constructed; and

11. WHEREAS, the development of this area is greatly dependent
12. on the immediate construction of this sixty miles of road.

13. NOW THEREFORE, your Memorialist, the Legislature of the
14. Territory of Alaska, respectfully urges the President of the
15. United States, the Congress of the United States, Director of
16. Defense Mobilization, Secretary of Defense, Secretary of the
17. Interior, the Governor of Alaska, the Delegate to Congress
18. from Alaska, the Bureau of Public Roads, and the Alaska Road
19. Commission, Juneau, Alaska to appropriate sufficient funds to
20. construct this proposed link between Fairbanks, Nenana and
21. Healy, Alaska in the construction year of 1953.

22. AND YOUR MEMORIALIST WILL EVER PRAY.

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