

1 IN THE HOUSE

BY MR. GREUEL

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HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 10

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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 PRESIDENT OF THE

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UNITED STATES SENATE; THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF

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REPRESENTATIVES; AND THE DELEGATE FROM ALASKA;

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Your memorialist, the Legislature of the Territory of

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Alaska, in Twenty-first Session assembled, respectfully

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submits that:

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WHEREAS, because of territorial status Alaskans are

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compelled to pay Federal income taxes in contradiction of

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the American principle that there shall be no taxation

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without representation; and

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WHEREAS, the phenomenally high cost of living in

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Alaska places the average Alaskan wage earner in a higher

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corresponding income tax bracket than his counterpart in

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the United States; and

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WHEREAS, the tax payments required by the higher income

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tax brackets thereby reduce the standard of living of the

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Alaskan wage earner to a point below that of his counterpart

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in the considerably lower cost of living areas existent in

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the United States proper;

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NOW THEREFORE, your Memorialist, the Legislature of the

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Territory of Alaska, respectfully urges that the Congress of

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the United States amend the Federal income tax laws to provide

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tax weary Alaskans with a twenty-five per cent (25%) cost of

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living exemption.

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AND YOUR MEMORIALIST WILL EVER PRAY.

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