

1 IN THE HOUSE

BY MR. EASTAUGH

2 HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 12

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 CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE ON INTERIOR AND INSULAR
7 AFFAIRS; UNITED STATES SENATE; THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE ON
8 PUBLIC LANDS, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES; AND THE DELEGATE FROM
9 ALASKA:

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

13 WHEREAS, the Department of the Interior and its officials
14 and agents, for the past several years, have administered the
15 public land laws in their application to public lands in Alaska
16 in such arbitrary manner as to discourage and prevent settlement
17 development, and improvement of them; and

18 WHEREAS, the progress and economic welfare of Alaska are
19 largely dependent upon the prompt utilization of all useable
20 public lands for residential, agricultural, mining, manufactur-
21 ing, lumbering, fishing, and other industrial purposes; and

22 WHEREAS, the prompt utilization of public lands in Alaska
23 for said purposes can be fostered and promoted only by the
24 liberal administration of the public land laws in such manner
25 as to encourage and aid in their being made available to all
26 members of the general public without their being submitted to
27 burdensome, dilatory and arbitrary rules and regulations and to
28 frequent and unnecessary withdrawals and reservations of vast
29 areas for special purposes not conducive to the benefit and

1 welfare either of the general public or of Alaska;
2 NOW THEREFORE, your Memorialist, the Legislature of the
3 Territory of Alaska, requests that (the arbitrary, burdensome,
4 dilatory policy, ~~(in effect throughout the past several years and~~
5 ~~until January 20, 1953)~~ in the administration of the public land
6 laws in Alaska be immediately discarded, and that) such liberal
7 policy in the administration of those laws be immediately adopted
8 and made effective as will aid and encourage the prompt utiliza-
9 tion of all useable public lands for residential, agricultural,
10 mining, manufacturing, lumbering, fishing, and other industrial
11 purposes and give impetus to the immediate development of Alaska
12 and to its present and future economic welfare.

13 AND YOUR MEMORIALIST WILL EVER PRAY.

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