

1 IN THE HOUSE

BY MR. COGHILL

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HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 18

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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 SECRETARY OF THE

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INTERIOR; THE SECRETARY OF COMMERCE AND THE DELEGATE TO CONGRESS

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FROM ALASKA:

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Your Memorialist, the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska,

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in Twenty-first Regular Session assembled, respectfully submits

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that:

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WHEREAS, the trappers and traders of the greater Alaska

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are suffering an economic depression from the present raw fur

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prices; and

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WHEREAS, the loosely controlled shipments of Canadian,

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English, Russian and other foreign countries, raw fur imports

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have lowered the American markets; and

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WHEREAS, the cause of this depression within this trade

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has directly come from the Federal Government's lack to take

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interest in the problems of the Alaskan Native economy; and

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WHEREAS, the economically frugal existence of these people

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has become a burden on the general public as welfare cases,

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since government sanctioned foreign imports of furs, thus

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seriously hampered the Alaskan trappers in pursuing the only

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trade they know; and

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WHEREAS, their development, both economic and moral, has

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stopped or retarded since the raw fur market failed, and prices

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increased on food and supplies; and

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WHEREAS, the native and white population of the Alaskan

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trapping industry are all citizens of America and should be

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1 given due consideration;

2 NOW THEREFORE, your Memorialist, the Legislature of the
3 Territory of Alaska, in Twenty-first Session assembled, respect-
4 fully prays that the Congress of the United States take
5 immediate action in enacting appropriate legislation concerning
6 tariffs on all foreign raw fur imports.

7 AND YOUR MEMORIALIST WILL EVER PRAY.

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