

1 IN THE HOUSE

BY MESSRS: POLLOCK AND DUFFIELD

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HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO: 21

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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 HONORABLE DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED

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STATES; THE HONORABLE DOUGLAS MCKAY, SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR;

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THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES; AND THE HONORABLE E. L.

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HARTLETT, DELEGATE TO CONGRESS 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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represents that:

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WHEREAS, the people of Alaska are generally in sympathy with

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the purposes of the McCarran Immigration Law, and keenly realize

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the need for close scrutiny of all persons entering the United

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States and for strict security regulations pertaining thereto; and

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WHEREAS, the McCarran Immigration Law actually weakens the

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national security by applying restrictions on aliens only when

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they leave Alaska thus tending to confine them in the Territory

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where the United States has many secret and vital defense

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installations and should have only the most loyal and devoted

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citizens near them; and

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WHEREAS, during World War II the military officials applied

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travel controls which permitted easy egress from Alaska but

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subjected those who sought to enter Alaska to desirability tests

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to exclude those who were for any reason deemed undesirable

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security risks; and

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WHEREAS, under existing provisions of the law, anyone

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having attained entry into the United States by any means whatever

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has free access to Alaska, regardless of the Un-American

1 political philosophy or of being an undesirable security risk;  
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3 WHEREAS, the McCarran Immigration Law notwithstanding,  
4 aliens cannot enter Alaska legally without undergoing <sup>Immigration</sup> Customs  
5 inspection; and

6 WHEREAS, we American citizen residents of Alaska in quest  
7 of Statehood and equal civil, political, economic and related  
8 rights, protest the unintended use of Alaska as a collecting  
9 point for undesirables; and

10 WHEREAS, the McCarran Immigration Law provisions create  
11 undue hardship on physically and mentally ill American citizens  
12 residing in Alaska who, with their attendants, must enter the  
13 zone of the Interior for medical treatment or confinement; and

14 WHEREAS, the procedures adopted by United States <sup>Immigration</sup> Customs  
15 officials at terminal points in the United States, while not  
16 haphazard nor inefficient, are carried out without consideration  
17 of the best interests or convenience of those persons entering  
18 or re-entering the United States; and

19 WHEREAS, study should be made of methods of expediting the  
20 clearance process for those persons traveling to and from Alaska  
21 who have adequate identification, possibly accomplishing this  
22 end by deputizing specific members of the transportation company  
23 crew or staff so that clearance may be accomplished by them  
24 enroute;

25 NOW THEREFORE, your Memorialist, the Legislature of the  
26 Territory of Alaska, respectfully prays that the Congress of the  
27 United States, at its present Session, adopt adequate measures  
28 to provide by security clearance <sup>of</sup> people both entering and  
29 leaving Alaska and to expedite the clearance procedures of the

1 United States <sup>Immigration</sup> Customs Service.

2 AND YOUR MEMORIALIST WILL EVER PRAY.

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