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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, 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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BARTLETT, 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 security provisions of the the McCarran Immigration Law, and

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keenly realize the need for close scrutiny of all persons

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entering the United States and for strict security regulations

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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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1 has free access to Alaska, regardless of the Un-American
2 political philosophy or of being an undesirable security risk;
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4 WHEREAS, the McCarran Immigration Law notwithstanding,
5 aliens cannot enter Alaska legally without undergoing
6 Immigration inspection; and

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

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

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

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

26 NOW THEREFORE, your Memorialist, the Legislature of the
27 Territory of Alaska, respectfully prays that the Congress of the
28 United States, at its present Session, adopt adequate measures
29 to provide security clearance for people both entering and

1 leaving Alaska and to expedite the clearance procedures of the
2 United States Immigration Service.

3 . AND YOUR MEMORIALIST WILL EVER PRAY.

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