

1 IN THE HOUSE

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HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 25

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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; THE ALASKA ROAD COMMISSION;

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AND THE HONORABLE E. L. BARTLETT, DELEGATE TO CONGRESS FROM

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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 \$25,000,000 Annette Island Airport is an

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instrument equipped airfield capable of handling practically

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every type of aircraft on a twenty-four hour basis and is the

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only airfield serving Ketchikan and its trading area, and

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WHEREAS, the important community of Metlakatla is connected

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by a six mile road with the Annette airfield but neither the

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Airfield nor Metlakatla are connected with Ketchikan which is

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located on a separate island some 18 miles from Metlakatla

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with the only communication being by air during daylight hours

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or by small boat with neither of these two forms of

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transportation being possible during frequent periods of storm

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conditions that prevail in the area, and

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WHEREAS, the Civil Aeronautics Commission, the U. S. Weather

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Bureau and other agencies and organizations have a large number

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of personnel stationed at the Annette airfield together with

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the fact that the U. S. Coast Guard has its largest air

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detachment in Alaska based at the Annette airfield and its

1 largest operating base in Alaska located at Ketchikan thus
2 creating a need for connecting the two areas on a 24 hour
3 basis from a defense and military standpoint, and
4 WHEREAS, the Alaska Road Commission has surveyed and
5 estimated the cost of a proposed 14 mile road route between
6 Metlakatla and Walden Point on Annette Island which point is
7 only separated from the Ketchikan Road system by a narrow channel
8 of protected water approximately one and one-half miles across
9 capable of being spanned by a small commercially operated
10 car ferry, and

11 WHEREAS, the linking on a 24 hour basis of the Annette
12 airport and the community of Metlakatla on the one hand and
13 the Ketchikan trading area on the other hand is only possible
14 by construction of such a road and is further desirable
15 because of a new \$46,000,000 pulp mill plant presently under
16 construction at Ketchikan which will have a far reaching
17 effect on the entire economy of the area involved;

18 NOW THEREFORE, your Memorialist, the Legislature of
19 the Territory of Alaska, respectfully prays that the
20 Congress of the United States appropriate the necessary
21 funds for construction of the proposed Metlakatla-Walden
22 Point road on Annette Island as above described.

23 AND YOUR MEMORIALIST WILL EVER PRAY.
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