

1 IN THE HOUSE

BY COMMITTEE ON MINING AND  
MANUFACTURING

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HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 26

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE TERRITORY OF ALASKA

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TWENTY-FIRST SESSION

5 TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES; THE CONGRESS OF THE

6 UNITED STATES; AND TERRITORIAL DELEGATE TO CONGRESS:

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Your Memorialist, the Legislature of the

8 Territory of Alaska, in Twenty-First Session assembled, re-

9 spectfully represents that:

10 WHEREAS, the mining industry is at a very low ebb in Alaska,  
11 while it is on the increase in the United States and Canada; and,

12 WHEREAS, Alaska is well known to contain an abundance of  
13 minerals, strategic and otherwise; and,

14 WHEREAS, one of the factors which is retarding mining in  
15 Alaska is the impossibility of determining the legal status of  
16 a considerable portion of the mining claims covering mineral  
17 lands; and,

18 WHEREAS, holders of unpatented mining claims are usually  
19 not to be immediately found; and,

20 WHEREAS, the absence of recorded assessment work affidavits  
21 for a claim does not necessarily indicate that the claim is not  
22 being held because existing mining laws do not require the said  
23 recording of performed assessment work; and,

24 WHEREAS, the Territorial Legislature has not the right nor  
25 the power to pass legislation requiring the said recording of  
26 assessment work;

27 NOW THEREFORE, your Memorialist, the Legislature

28 of the Territory of Alaska, respectfully urges that

29 Federal legislation be passed to require the recording of

1 annual assessment work on unpatented mining claims in Alaska  
2 so as to help make it possible for interested parties to ascer-  
3 tain the legal status of claims or lands on which they wish to  
4 mine or prospect.

5       AND YOUR MEMORIALIST WILL EVER PRAY.

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