

1 IN THE HOUSE BY THE COMMITTEE ON VETERANS LEGISLATION  
2 HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 31 AND CIVILIAN DEFENSE

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE TERRITORY OF ALASKA

4 TWENTY-FIRST SESSION

5 TO THE HONORABLE DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED  
6 STATES: TO THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES: AND TO THE  
7 HONORABLE E. L. BARTLETT, DELEGATE TO CONGRESS FROM ALASKA:

8 Your Memorialist, the Legislature of the Territory of  
9 Alaska, in Twenty-First Session assembled, respectfully submits  
10 that:

11 WHEREAS, the National Defense Housing Act of 1950 establish-  
12 ed a program setting up funds to be used by the Veterans Admin-  
13 istration in making Direct Home Loans to veterans in areas where  
14 local lending agencies would not participate in the Loan Guaranty  
15 program of the Veterans Administration; and

16 WHEREAS, the demand for this type of program was so great  
17 that Congress has seen fit to twice extend the benefits of this  
18 program and make an additional appropriation of \$150,000,000 to  
19 be used in carrying out this program, giving the program a total  
20 appropriation of \$300,000,000; and

21 WHEREAS, the veterans in the Territory of Alaska are in need  
22 of low interest money to finance home purchases now more than  
23 ever before due to the great influx of defense workers in the  
24 Territory; and

25 WHEREAS, this direct home loan program of the Veterans  
26 Administration will expire June 30, 1953 under the present law;  
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28 WHEREAS, a very small percentage of the Veterans in the  
29 Territory that were desirous of obtaining the benefits under

1 this program were able to do so because there was and is an  
2 extreme shortage of funds for the use of the Veterans Adminis-  
3 tration in administering this program in Alaska; and

4 WHEREAS, every eligible veteran should have ample oppor-  
5 tunity to avail himself of the benefits of this program, the  
6 only restriction being his own inability to meet the eligibility  
7 requirements; and

8 WHEREAS, the Loan Guaranty program of the Veterans Adminis-  
9 tration will not expire until July 25, 1957;

10 NOW, THEREFORE, your Memorialist, the Legislature of the  
11 Territory of Alaska in Twenty-first Session assembled,  
12 respectfully prays that Congress extend the benefits of  
13 Section 512b of the National Defense Housing Act of 1950, as  
14 amended, until July 25, 1957, the last date being the de-  
15 limiting date of the Loan Guaranty Program.

16 AND YOUR MEMORIALIST WILL EVER PRAY.

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