

1 IN THE HOUSE

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HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 35

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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 CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA; THE CHAIRMAN

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OF THE UNITED STATES SENATE COMMITTEE ON INTERIOR AND INSULAR

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AFFAIRS; THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR; THE ATTORNEY GENERAL,

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE; THE ADMINISTRATOR, HOUSING AND HOME

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FINANCE AGENCY; THE ADMINISTRATOR, FEDERAL HOUSING ADMINISTRATION,

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AND THE DELEGATE TO CONGRESS FROM ALASKA: *[Signature]*

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Your Memorialist, the Legislature of the Territory of

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Alaska, in Twenty-first Regular Session assembled, respectfully

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submits that:

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WHEREAS, by Congressional Act (48 U.S.C.A. 484, 63 Stat.

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58) the Legislature was authorized to create a public corporation

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under the name of the Alaska Housing Authority; and

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WHEREAS, by said Act the Congress of the United States

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appropriated the sum of fifteen million dollars, in addition to

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funds appropriated by the Territory of Alaska, to be used as a

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revolving fund, for the development of adequate housing

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facilities in defense impact areas in Alaska; and

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WHEREAS, under said Act, the Legislature of the Territory

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of Alaska adopted enactments extending and supplementing the

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authority conferred, and created a public corporate authority

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to promote, construct and administer development, re-development

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and slum clearance projects in various areas of this Territory;

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WHEREAS, the people of the Territory of Alaska are

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cognizant of the great need for such legislation to assist in

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1 the home development program; and

2 WHEREAS, ^{it has been charged that certain} members of this Legislature have knowledge of ^{having}

3 projects ^{in violation} that appear to have been supervised and approved by ^{the} with the

4 Alaska Housing Authority and certain Federal agencies in a manner

5 inimical to the housing program in Alaska and violative of the

6 spirit and intent of existing law; and in the following manner:

7 WHEREAS, your Memorialist believes that the public interest

8 has not been properly safeguarded from exploitation;

9 NOW THEREFORE, your Memorialist, the Legislature of the

10 Territory of Alaska, urges that:

11 1. The Congress of the United States authorize an

12 appropriate committee to investigate the use and disbursement of

13 Federal funds by the ^{HouHA, Public Works, Fish & Game Admin and the} Alaska Housing Authority for the purpose

14 of enacting new legislation revising the policies and duties of

15 the Authority.

16 2. That the Attorney General of the United States and the

17 Department of the Interior forthwith cause ^{such} investigation to be

18 made. ^{lead} And your Mem will

19 (a) Acceptance of excessive land appraisals (in the

20 Anchorage area) which ^{enables} project promoters to commence

21 projects with ^{with} small cash investment capital, (which in one

22 instance represented approximately one and one-half (1½) percent

23 of the project cost) ^{that the interests of the United States were not protected.}

24 (b) Approval and issuance of commitments excessively

25 higher than construction costs and a fair construction profit. ^{warranted.}

26 (c) ~~Acceptance of sub-standard construction practices~~

27 ~~in the Anchorage area) as compliance with approved specifications.~~ ^{fratern's}

28 (d) ~~Approval of sub-standard materials for Alaska~~

29 ~~construction.~~

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~~(A) Waste of funds in connection with the remote dwelling program in the Second Judicial Division.~~

~~(B) Approval of excessive unit construction costs in connection with the low rent program in the Douglas-Juneau area.~~

~~(C) Failure of the Alaska Housing Authority to comply with the provisions of Title 48 U.S.C.A., Sec. 484, (63 Stat. 58) by permitting excessive profits to project sponsors and contractors, (all to the detriment of home purchasers in Alaska.)~~

3. That the Department of the Interior, the Housing and Home Finance Agency, the Federal Housing Administration, and other appropriate agencies, delay pending projects within the Territory of Alaska until the requests of this Memorial may be reviewed.