

1 IN THE HOUSE

BY MISS PRIOR

2 HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 38

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE TERRITORY OF ALASKA

4 TWENTY-FIRST SESSION

5 TO THE TERRITORIAL HIGHWAY ENGINEER, THE TERRITORIAL BOARD OF
6 ROAD COMMISSIONERS, AND THE ALASKA ROAD COMMISSION:

7 Your Memorialist, the Legislature of the Territory of
8 Alaska, in Twenty-first Session assembled, respectfully
9 represents that:

10 WHEREAS, for several years the Alaska Road Commission has
11 considered connecting the communities of Dillingham and
12 Aleknagik by extending the present road for 17 miles north of
13 Dillingham along Wood River to Lake Aleknagik; and

14 WHEREAS, the extension of this road would provide a
15 connection between the present DC-3 landing strip near Dillingham
16 and one of the most beautiful sections of Western Alaska and
17 make it easier for out-of-town sports fishermen to visit these
18 lakes, thereby developing sports fishing to a point of economic
19 significance in the Dillingham-Aleknagik area; and

20 WHEREAS, the developing of sports fishing would serve as a
21 control on predatory sports fish who are eating the fingerling
22 salmon, and might help revive the depleted runs of salmon in the
23 Nushagak River area; and

24 WHEREAS, the extension of this road would provide much
25 needed recreational outlets for both the communities of
26 Dillingham and Aleknagik, and since the proposed road would run
27 through high ground, would open up an area suitable for
28 homesites; and

29 WHEREAS, not only would this road develop recreational

1 areas, both for the enjoyment of local residents and for
2 commercial purposes, but would also serve as a potential aid to
3 economic development in other fields since there are known
4 cinnebar deposits in the Aleknagik area and Lake Aleknagik is
5 the first of a string of lakes that have a hydro-electric power
6 potential;

7 NOW THEREFORE, your Memorialist respectfully requests that
8 the extension of the Wood River Road for seventeen miles to Lake
9 Aleknagik be made a part of the 1953-55 construction program of
10 the Territorial Highway Engineer and the Alaska Road Commission.

11 AND YOUR MEMORIALIST WILL EVER PRAY.

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