

1 IN THE HOUSE BY MESSRS. MACSPADDEN, EASTAUGH & HENDRICKSON  
2 HOUSE MEMORIAL NO. 12  
3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE TERRITORY OF ALASKA  
4 TWENTY-FIRST SESSION

5 TO THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR; THE SECRETARY OF STATE;  
6 THE ALASKA ROAD COMMISSION; THE BUREAU OF PUBLIC ROADS; THE  
7 DELEGATE TO CONGRESS FROM ALASKA; AND TO THE HONORABLE J.  
8 AUBREY SIMONS, HOUSE OF COMMONS, OTTAWA, ONTARIO, CANADA:

9 Your Memorialist, the House of Representatives of the  
10 Territory of Alaska, in Twenty-first Session assembled,  
11 respectfully represents that:

12 WHEREAS, the community of Skagway, Alaska is so located  
13 as to be an important port of entry to a large hinterland in  
14 British Columbia and the Yukon Territory; and

15 WHEREAS, the utility of this excellent port has been  
16 limited heretofore by the fact that transportation into the  
17 hinterland region has been provided only by a narrow gauge  
18 railway; and

19 WHEREAS, the development of new mineral properties in the  
20 Canadian districts of Mayo, Atlin and Carcross is resulting  
21 in greatly increased shipments through the port of Skagway; and

22 WHEREAS, a feasible route exists for the construction of a  
23 50-mile highway from Skagway to connect with an existing high-  
24 way system now extending from Whitehorse to Carcross; and

25 WHEREAS, the construction of a highway on this route would  
26 aid economic development in Canada and result in increased  
27 commerce for Alaska, and would provide an alternative route  
28 of access from the Inside Passage to the Alaska Highway; and

29 WHEREAS, a highway from Skagway to Whitehorse would

1 provide the shortest and most economical route of transportation  
2 from the United States Pacific Northwest to the Interior of  
3 Northwest Canada.

4 NOW THEREFORE, your Memorialist, the House of Representatives  
5 of the Territory of Alaska, in Twenty-First Session assembled,  
6 respectfully urges that the appropriate agencies of the  
7 Governments of the United States and Canada immediately begin  
8 surveys for a highway designed to connect Skagway, Alaska with  
9 the Alaska Highway via carcross and Whitehorse; that  
10 construction be commenced at the earliest feasible date and  
11 that negotiations be instituted between the appropriate Canadian  
12 and American officials for the early construction of said  
13 highway.

14 AND YOUR MEMORIALIST WILL EVER PRAY.

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