

1 IN THE SENATE

BY SENATOR BUTROVICH

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SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 3

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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 HONORABLE DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED

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STATES; THE HONORABLE ROBERT A. TAFT, THE HONORABLE EUGENE P.

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MILLIKIN, THE HONORABLE WARREN G. MAGNUSON, THE HONORABLE GUY

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CORDON, THE HONORABLE JAMES E. MURRAY AND THE HONORABLE HENRY

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M. JACKSON, UNITED STATES SENATORS; THE HONORABLE BEN F.

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JENSEN, UNITED STATES CONGRESSMAN, and the HONORABLE E. L.

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BARTLETT, DELEGATE TO CONGRESS FROM ALASKA:

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Your Memorialist, the <sup>Legislature</sup> ~~Senate~~ of the Territory of

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Alaska, in Twenty-first Session assembled, respectfully

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represents that:

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WHEREAS, Congress is called upon almost continually to

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make appropriations for Alaska; and

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WHEREAS, many of these appropriations are for defense

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construction and public works; and

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WHEREAS, costs of work in Alaska greatly exceed costs

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for similar work in the states; and

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WHEREAS, Congress has sought from time to time by

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investigations and hearings by subcommittees to determine the

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composition and causes of such costs; and

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WHEREAS, great sums of money are being expended in

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Alaska by the Congress of the United States; and

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WHEREAS, the people of Alaska and their Delegate to

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Congress have repeatedly requested Congress to extend to

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Alaska the services of the U. S. Department of Labor, Bureau of

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Labor Statistics in establishing a cost of living expenditures

1 survey with accompanying index, that they might know many  
2 of the factors entering into and affecting Alaska's economy;  
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4 WHEREAS, investors in contemplating Alaskan investments  
5 need to also have such information; and

6 WHEREAS, the cost of living is a major factor entering  
7 into any labor agreement; and


8 WHEREAS, labor cost is one of the major factors used in  
9 arriving at costs of projects, it would seem in the interest  
10 of true economy that Congress should possess itself of such  
11 information as such a survey would reveal; and

12 WHEREAS, Congress, with an eye to getting the most  
13 value for the taxpayer's dollar, needs the same information in  
14 evaluating the appropriations requested for Alaska.

15 NOW, THEREFORE, your Memorialist, the Senate of the  
16 Territory of Alaska, respectfully urges that the Congress of  
17 the United States direct the U. S. Department of Labor, Bureau  
18 of Labor Statistics, to initiate a cost of living expenditures  
19 survey and establish and maintain a cost of living index  
20 for the Territory of Alaska.

21 AND YOUR MEMORIALIST WILL EVER PRAY.

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