

1. IN THE SENATE

BY SENATOR EGAN

2. SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 10

3. IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE TERRITORY OF ALASKA

4. TWENTY-FIRST SESSION

5. TO THE HONORABLE E. L. HARTLETT, DELEGATE TO THE CONGRESS FROM

6. ALASKA; AND TO THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES:

7. Your Memorialist, the Legislature of the Territory of
8. Alaska, in Twenty-first regular session assembled, respectfully
9. represents:

10. WHEREAS, in 1949 the Congress of the United States passed a
11. statute known as the Alaska Public Works Act (63 Stat. 627); and

12. WHEREAS, the Congress there declares it to be its policy
13. "to foster the settlement and increase the permanent residents
14. of Alaska, stimulate trade and industry, encourage internal
15. commerce and private investment, develop Alaskan resources, and
16. provide facilities for community life"; and

17. WHEREAS, the Congress intended that that policy should
18. become effective through "a program of useful public works"; and

19. WHEREAS, the Congress authorized the appropriation of
20. Seventy Million Dollars (\$70,000,000.00) to carry out that
21. purpose; and

22. WHEREAS, under the provisions of the Alaska Public Works
23. Act, the Territory and its political subdivisions would cover
24. half that sum into the United States Treasury, through purchases
25. of these useful public works; and

26. WHEREAS, in effectuating the purposes of this Act, the
27. Congress, in four fiscal years has appropriated less than fifty
28. per cent of the authorized program, specifically Twenty-nine and
29. One Quarter Million Dollars (\$29,250,000.00), or, approximately

1. an average of Seven and a Half Million Dollars (\$7,500,000.00)
2. per year; and
3. WHEREAS, the program has by its terms only two more years
4. to run; and
5. WHEREAS, that time and the average appropriations to date
6. will permit the Act to expire without accomplishing its purpose
7. of building the proposed useful public works; and
8. WHEREAS, the Territory and its communities are sorely in
9. need of these public works and the financial assistance with
10. which to build them; and
11. WHEREAS, the Territory and its communities have diligently,
12. complied with all of the conditions laid down for obtaining
13. these public works; and
14. WHEREAS, after the adoption of the Alaska Public Works Act,
15. the President declared an emergency based upon the United
16. Nations action in Korea; and
17. WHEREAS, this emergency resulted in a vastly expanded
18. military program in Alaska which intensified these conditions
19. upon which this Alaska Public works Act was predicated, increased
20. the need for these public works, and by application proved the
21. wisdom of the policy established; and
22. WHEREAS, a bill has been introduced into the 83rd Congress
23. (H.R. 2683), which provides for a four-year time extension to
24. the expiration date of the Alaska Public Works Act, which will
25. permit the Congress to appropriate the authorized funds at the
26. average annual rate of previous Congressional appropriations.
27. NOW THEREFORE, your Memorialist, the Legislature of the
28. Territory of Alaska, respectfully prays that Congress will
29. enact H.R. 2683 to provide for the orderly appropriation of

1. funds to carry out the policy of the Congress, to build useful
2. public works in Alaska; by extending the expiration date of the
3. Alaska Public Works Act to June 30, 1959.

4. AND YOUR MEMORIALIST WILL EVER PRAY.

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