

1 IN THE SENATE

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2 SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 11

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE TERRITORY OF ALASKA

4 TWENTY-FIRST SESSION

5 TO THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES AND TO THE DELEGATE FROM  
6 ALASKA:

7 Your Memorialist, the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska,  
8 in Twenty-First Regular Session assembled, respectfully submits:

9 That for generations Alaska has been considered one of the  
10 chief gold-producing regions of the world, and during that time  
11 it has depended largely upon gold mining and its fisheries to  
12 support its economy, and

13 That there are many mining properties in the Territory and  
14 unpatented mining claims held by individuals and corporations  
15 where operations cannot now be carried on because of the tremen-  
16 dously increased cost of operation due to the state of war and  
17 the emergency which exists at the present time, and

18 That under the law it is necessary, in order to hold un-  
19 patented claims, for the owner to perform \$100.00 worth of work  
20 or labor upon each claim each year toward the development of  
21 the claim, and

22 That many claims are in remote regions and the cost of  
23 transportation to and from the claim where the work is required  
24 cannot be taken into consideration in computing the cost of the  
25 annual labor to be applied to the development of the claim, and  
26 the requirement for the performance of this annual labor upon  
27 each claim results in working a great hardship upon the owners  
28 of unpatented mining claims in the Territory, and

29 WHEREAS, the continued holding of the claims during the

1 emergency by the present owners is not prejudicial to the rights  
2 of others and has no effect upon the economy of the Territory,  
3 and

4 WHEREAS, it is vastly more difficult for the owners of un-  
5 patented mining claims in Alaska to comply with the requirements  
6 of the law regarding the expenditures for annual labor than it  
7 is for owners of claims situated within the States, and a sus-  
8 pension from the requirements of the law during the present na-  
9 tional emergency will have no detrimental effect whatsoever, for  
10 the reason that under the circumstances such annual labor as  
11 can be performed upon unpatented mining claims, with its atten-  
12 dant high cost, very seldom tends to the development of mining  
13 property.

14 NOW THEREFORE, we, your Memorialist, the Legislature of  
15 the Territory of Alaska, in Twenty-first Regular Session assem-  
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17 ed, respectfully request and petition Congress that legislation  
18 be enacted immediately, suspending the requirements for the per-  
19 formance of annual labor upon unpatented mining claims in the  
20 Territory of Alaska during the national emergency and for the  
21 assessment years beginning July 1, 1952, and ending July 1, 1955.

22 AND YOUR MEMORIALIST WILL EVER PRAY.

23 *Provided further -*

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