

1 IN THE SENATE

BY SENATOR STEPOVICH

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SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 12

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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 E. L. BARTLETT, DELEGATE TO CONGRESS FROM

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ALASKA; AND TO THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES:

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Your Memorialist, the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska,

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in Twenty-First regular session assembled, respectfully submits

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that:

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WHEREAS, from the principle that the United States cannot

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be sued without its consent the general rule has been derived,

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and adhered to constantly, that agencies and instrumentalities

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of the United States are not subject to garnishment for moneys

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due their employees; and

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WHEREAS, such a rule not only makes it difficult for

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creditors to reach lawful claims, but also frequently deprives a

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creditor from any recourse whatever in realizing on his claim;

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WHEREAS, this situation has a strong tendency to breed a

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poor quality of workman on the government payroll, for there are

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many instances where individuals have left non-government

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employment to work for the United States with the sole purpose

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of avoiding payment of their just debts; and

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WHEREAS, a rule which exempts from attachment the pay of

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Federal employees is grossly unfair and discriminatory, since

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the wages of non-government employees who perform work identical

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with that of employees of the Federal government, and often in

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the same location, are subject to attachment by garnishment of

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the employer;

1 NOW THEREFORE, your Memorialist, the Legislature of the
2 Territory of Alaska, in Twenty-First regular session assembled,
3 respectfully requests that appropriate legislation be enacted
4 authorizing the garnishment of Federal agencies and instrument-
5 alities for moneys due their employees.

6 AND YOUR MEMORIALIST WILL EVER PRAY.

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