

1 IN THE SENATE

BY SENATORS BARNES AND NOLAN

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SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 17

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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 EZRA TAFT BENSON, SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE,

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AND TO THE HONORABLE E. L. BARTLETT, DELEGATE FROM ALASKA:

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Your Memorialist, the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska,

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in Twenty-first Session assembled, respectfully submits that:

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WHEREAS, there seems to be some opposition on the part of

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lumbermen in the Pacific Northwest to the development of the

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timber resources of the National Forests of Alaska; and

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WHEREAS, this opposition is presently based on the fear that

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products from these forests will go to Japan and thus compete

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with timber products from the Northwestern States; and

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WHEREAS, the timber stands of Alaska can produce more

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timber than the local markets can absorb, and if this timber is

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to be utilized for the benefit of Alaska and the nation, the

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surplus must enter world trade in competition with products

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from other areas; and

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WHEREAS, a protest against entry into the timber industry

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in Alaska could as logically be lodged against any company or

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the development of any resource other than timber; and

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WHEREAS, Alaska's forest resources, composed of many

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billions of feet of virgin timber, comprise one of the most

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important renewable natural resources; and

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WHEREAS, judicious cutting on a sustained yield basis will

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harvest the present crop and allow reproduction to grow at a

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much faster rate than is now taking place and thus contribute

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to a greater future economy; and

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1        WHEREAS, the economy of the Territory is in desperate need  
2 of large scale stable industries that can operate year-round;

3        NOW THEREFORE, your Memorialist, the Legislature of the  
4 Territory of Alaska, request that the timber on Alaska's  
5 National Forests be made available for sale on a competitive bid  
6 basis to any company or corporation organized under the laws of  
7 the United States and of the Territory of Alaska utilizing  
8 American labor at American wages; and completing at least  
9 primary manufacture of the timber in Alaska regardless of the  
10 ultimate destination of the manufactured material; and that  
11 such industries be encouraged to become established in the  
12 Territory of Alaska.

13        AND YOUR MEMORIALIST WILL EVER PRAY.

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