

1. IN THE SENATE

BY SENATORS EGAN AND ENGSTROM

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SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 19

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE TERRITORY OF ALASKA

4.

TWENTY-FIRST SESSION

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TO THE ASSISTANT POSTMASTER GENERAL, BUREAU OF FACILITIES,

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DIVISION OF FEDERAL BUILDING OPERATIONS, WASHINGTON, D. C.; TO

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THE POSTMASTER, JUNEAU, ALASKA; AND TO THE DELEGATE TO CONGRESS

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FROM ALASKA:

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Your Memorialist, the Legislature of the Territory of

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Alaska, in Twenty-first Regular Session assembled, respectfully

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represents that:

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WHEREAS, the present Chambers of the Senate and the House

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of Representatives of the Territory of Alaska are inadequate in

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size and acoustics to conveniently or comfortably accommodate

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the number of persons required to occupy the same during

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legislative sessions, and are poorly lighted and ventilated; and

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WHEREAS, the space presently allotted to committees of the

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Alaska Legislature and to the legislative secretarial and

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clerical personnel is entirely inadequate as to size, lighting,

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ventilation and acoustics, to permit efficient operation therein;

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WHEREAS, additional space is required for cloak rooms, both

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for use of members of the Legislature and for the general public

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attending sessions; and

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WHEREAS, permanent storage space is needed for the

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safekeeping of files, records, supplies and equipment of the

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Legislature between sessions thereof; and

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WHEREAS, there is no public drinking fountain or telephone

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in the Federal Building at Juneau for the use of the members of

1. the Legislature or the general public; and

2. WHEREAS, due to the construction and acoustics of the
3. legislative chambers, it is difficult for the Chief Clerk of
4. the House and the Secretary of the Senate to be heard throughout
5. the Chambers; and

6. WHEREAS, the following suggestions and recommendations
7. would provide the improvements mentioned hereinabove:

8. In both Chambers, refurnish with new desks. In the,
9. House, reduce the size of the Speakers's platform and remove
10. the present curved railing on the public gallery. Finish
11. ceilings in both Chambers with acoustic material. Improve
12. overhead lighting in both Chambers, and provide in
13. both Chambers ventilation deflectors on all windows.

14. Permanently assign the following rooms for use during
15. each session of the Legislature (said rooms to be available
16. for temporary use as office space when the Legislature is
17. not in session):

18. For the House of Representatives:

19. Room 214 Chief Clerk and Assistant
20. Room 216 Stenographers and clerks
21. Room 220 Mimeograph, File and Work Room
22. Room 222 Legislature Committee Room

23. For the Senate:

24. Room 206 Secretary and Assistant
25. Room 204 Stenographers and Clerks
26. Room 202 Mimeograph, File and Work Room
27. Room 201 Legislature Committee Room

28. and install fluorescent lighting fixtures therein, with
29. not less than four fixtures to a room; cover ceilings with

1. acoustic material, and provide ventilation deflectors on
2. all windows.

3. Set aside Room 218 as a private cloak room for use of
4. the Legislature, and erect therein permanent hat and cloak
5. racks, hangers, etc. sufficient for at least 75 persons,
6. and allow the present cloak room to be used as a public
7. cloak room during sessions. Assign Room 218 permanently to
8. the Legislature for use as a storeroom for the safekeeping
9. of files, records, supplies and equipment of the Legislature
10. between sessions thereof.

11. Install a public drinking fountain in the corridor on
12. the second floor of the Federal Building for use of the
13. members of the Legislature and the public; and install a
14. telephone in the present cloak room during sessions of the
15. Legislature for use of the public.

16. Install a loud speaker system in the Chambers of the
17. Senate and of the House of Representatives for use by the
18. Chief Clerk of the House and the Secretary of the Senate.

19. NOW THEREFORE, your Memorialist, the Legislature of the
20. Territory of Alaska, respectfully urges and requests that the
21. foregoing recommendations be favorably acted upon and carried out.