

1 IN THE SENATE

BY SENATOR EGAN

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SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 20

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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 DELEGATE TO CONGRESS FROM ALASKA; AND THE CONGRESS OF THE

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UNITED STATES:

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Your Memorialist, the Legislature of the Territory of

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Alaska in Twenty-first Session assembled, respectfully

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represents:

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WHEREAS, the Territory of Alaska in recent years has

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experienced an overwhelming influx of people, due principally to

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the demands of the Federal Government for national defense.

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construction in the Territory; and

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WHEREAS, because of this tremendous growth of population

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the schools of the Territory are crowded beyond the maximum level

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for the health and safety of the children, and moreover, are

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generally in a deplorable state of repair; and

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WHEREAS, in many recently populated areas school facilities

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are practically non-existent; and

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WHEREAS, failure to immediately provide for adequate school

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facilities will seriously hamper the Federal Government's plan

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for the security of the Nation by a defense program in Alaska;

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WHEREAS, at the Territorial general election held on October

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14, 1952, the people of Alaska by an overwhelming majority vote

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of 19,609 to 4,087 expressed their wish that the Territory should

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issue general obligation bonds in a sum not exceeding

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\$12,500,000 to be used solely for the construction, enlargement,

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alteration, repair, equipping, and installation of public school

1 buildings and facilities; and

2 WHEREAS, because of limitations contained in the Alaska
3 Organic Act, the Territory cannot bond itself without affirmative
4 action on the part of Congress;

5 NOW THEREFORE, your Memorialist respectfully prays that
6 Congress immediately authorize the Territory of Alaska to issue
7 general obligation bonds in a sum not exceeding \$12,500,000 for
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