

*Special House Comm.  
ON Employment Security*

1 IN THE HOUSE

BY

2 HOUSE MEMORIAL NO. 1

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE TERRITORY OF ALASKA

4 TWENTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE, FIRST EXTRAORDINARY SESSION

5 TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES; THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED  
6 STATES; THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR; THE SECRETARY OF LABOR;  
7 AND TO THE DELEGATE TO CONGRESS FROM ALASKA:

8 Your Memorialist, the House of Representatives of the Terri-  
9 tory of Alaska, in Extraordinary Session of the Twenty-second  
10 Legislature assembled, respectfully submits that:

11 WHEREAS, the Congress of the United States, on the recommenda-  
12 tion of the President, did in 1954 create a Federal Unemployment  
13 fund for the purpose of assisting the states and territories in  
14 meeting unemployment insurance obligations; and

15 WHEREAS, in mid-1954 it became apparent that the unemployment  
16 benefit fund of the Territory of Alaska would, by early 1955, be  
17 exhausted and that its supplementation from said Federal loan fund  
18 would be necessary for continued payment of benefits; and

19 WHEREAS, the United States Department of Labor, as early as  
20 October 4, 1954, and repeatedly thereafter, urged the Alaska  
21 Employment Security Commission and the Governor of Alaska to apply  
22 for an advance of funds from said Federal Unemployment Account in  
23 contemplation of early exhaustion of Alaska's benefit payment fund,  
24 which total depletion has now occurred, together with the dis-  
25 continuance of payments; and

26 WHEREAS, in January, 1955, the Alaska Employment Security  
27 Commission was reported to have requested the Honorable Governor  
28 W. Frank Hainsman to seek such an advance in order to avoid  
29 interruption in payment of Alaskan unemployment insurance claims;

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2 WHEREAS, by law, application for such Federal loan may be  
3 made only by the Governors of the several states and territories;  
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5 WHEREAS, the House of Representatives of the Territorial  
6 Legislature did in the 22nd Session regularly assembled urge the  
7 Governor of Alaska by resolution adopted on the 26th day of  
8 January, 1955, that he make immediate formal application for such  
9 Federal loan; and

10 WHEREAS, it has long been abundantly obvious that absentee  
11 controlled financial interests which operate in Alaska and which  
12 were opposed to employment security were adamant in their opposi-  
13 tion to such an advance and to the continued payment of unemploy-  
14 ment benefits; and

15 WHEREAS, the Governor of Alaska chose to disregard the re-  
16 ~~spects of the Territorial Legislature~~ **Said House Resolution** and the need of Alaska's  
17 unemployed and destitute citizens, supporting thereby the afore-  
18 mentioned financial interests; and

19 WHEREAS, the Governor of Alaska has sought at the expense of  
20 Alaska's unemployed to encroach upon the authority of an elected  
21 Legislature and has for political advantage attempted to embarrass  
22 the Legislature and has by coercion, delay and deliberate direc-  
23 tion sought to exert his will upon the elected Alaska Legislature;  
24 and

25 WHEREAS, the Governor did on the 26th day of March, 1955,  
26 call a Special Session of the Territorial Legislature and did  
27 therein, in contravention of an opinion of the Territorial Attorney  
28 General, attempt to limit the deliberations of the legislators  
29 as to both subject matter and time; and