

*To men*

*Boiler*

1  
2  
3  
4  
5  
6  
7  
8  
9  
10  
11  
12  
13  
14  
15  
16  
17  
18  
19  
20  
21  
22  
23  
24  
25  
26  
27  
28  
29

IN THE HOUSE

BY MR. GILBERT

HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 7

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE TERRITORY OF ALASKA

TWENTY-SECOND SESSION

TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES; THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR; AND THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES:

Your Memorialist the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska in Twenty-second Regular Session assembled represents that:

WHEREAS, the Alaska Native Service operates segregated boarding schools for the education of the Native children of Alaska; and

WHEREAS, the ultimate goal of the Alaska Native Service is for the Natives of Alaska to have the same status as all other citizens of Alaska; and

WHEREAS, one of the most practical steps to achieve this goal is through the education of Native children in the public schools of the Territory; and

WHEREAS, the financial effort made by the Territory in the support of the public schools of the Territory is of such proportions that Federal assistance will be necessary to provide any additional services to Native children not presently provided; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of the increased financial burden placed upon the public schools and the Territory of Alaska, provisions exist to allow Federal assistance under rules and regulations provided by the Act of June 4, 1936 (49 Stat. 1458; 25 USC Sec. 452) and other Public laws; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Alaska Native Service to terminate its educational responsibilities as soon as feasible

1 but in an honorable manner recognizing that adequate time is  
2 essential.

3 NOW THEREFORE, your Memorialist respectfully and earnestly  
4 requests and recommends: (1) That the objectives and desires  
5 of the Alaska Native Service, with respect to the termination  
6 of educational services, be recognized by appropriate Territorial  
7 and Independent School District officials; (2) That mutual  
8 arrangements be made to assimilate the Native pupils presently  
9 enrolled in Alaska Native Service boarding schools into the pub-  
10 lic school system of the Territory; (3) That necessary Federal  
11 support for the schools affected be provided where justified on  
12 the basis of need; and (4) That the Alaska Native Service be  
13 authorized to establish boarding and dormitory facilities in  
14 Anchorage, Fairbanks, and Nome, and to enter into contracts with  
15 the Territory of Alaska and the Independent and City school dis-  
16 trict officials so that such Natives will receive an adequate  
17 schooling on a non-segregated basis.

18 AND YOUR MEMORIALIST WILL EVER PRAY.  
19  
20  
21  
22  
23  
24  
25  
26  
27  
28  
29

*Am 7*