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1 IN THE HOUSE

2 HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 9

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE TERRITORY OF ALASKA

4 TWENTY-SECOND SESSION

5 TO THE HONORABLE DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER, PRESIDENT OF THE
6 UNITED STATES: TO THE COMMITTEE ON INTERIOR AND INSULAR AFFAIRS
7 OF THE UNITED STATES SENATE: TO THE COMMITTEE ON ^{INTERIOR and} INSULAR
8 AFFAIRS OF THE UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES: TO THE
9 COMMITTEE ON MERCHANT MARINE AND FISHERIES OF THE UNITED STATES
10 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES: TO THE SECRETARY OF INTERIOR: TO THE
11 DIRECTOR OF FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE: TO THE HONORABLE
12 K. L. BARTLETT, DELEGATE FROM ALASKA:

13 Your Memorialist, the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska,
14 in Twenty-Second Regular Session assembled, respectfully submits
15 that:

16 WHEREAS, Alaskans by referendum vote have overwhelmingly
17 recorded their wish for Territorial control of their fisheries;
18 and

19 WHEREAS, the same right of control as is enjoyed in similar
20 fields by ^{the} several states has been repeatedly sought in this
21 respect from the Congress; and

22 WHEREAS, the Territory of Alaska has prepared itself to
23 assume such responsibility by the creation six years ago, and
24 operation since, of a Territorial Department of Fisheries; and

25 WHEREAS, in an address before the American Fisheries
26 Society on September 17, 1953, the Director of the Fish and
27 Wildlife Service of the Department of the Interior, Mr. John L.
28 Farley, expressed Federal philosophy in this respect to be as
29 follows:

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1 "Because Alaska is a Territory, and because the salmon-
2 on industry^{there} is represented by investments primarily
3 of residents of the continental United States, man-
4 agement of this natural resource has been reserved
5 to the Federal government as being of national con-
6 cern rather than of local importance." (Emphasis
7 supplied)

8 and

9 WHEREAS, such expression is an affront to resident Alaskans,
10 shows a marked lack of understanding, and eloquently attests to
11 the need for Territorial control of Alaska's fisheries; and

12 WHEREAS, Alaska's fisheries have, under Federal management,
13 suffered alarming depletion while those of neighboring jurisdic-
14 tions have, under local control, steadily improved

15 NOW THEREFORE, your Memorialist, the Legislature of the
16 Territory of Alaska respectfully urges that the Congress recog-
17 nize the shortcomings of distant control and its harmful effect
18 on Alaska's fisheries by acting at once to transfer control of
19 said fisheries to the Territory of Alaska.

20 AND YOUR MEMORIALIST WILL EVER PRAY.
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