

1 IN THE HOUSE

BY MRS. RYAN BY REQUEST

2 House JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 11

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE TERRITORY OF ALASKA

4 TWENTY-SECOND SESSION

5 TO THE HONORABLE DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED
6 STATES OF AMERICA: THE UNITED STATES SENATE: THE UNITED STATES
7 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES: THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR; THE
8 DIRECTOR, BUREAU OF THE BUDGET; AND THE HONORABLE E. L.
9 BARTLETT, DELEGATE TO CONGRESS FROM ALASKA:

10 Your Memorielist, the Legislature of the Territory of
11 Alaska, in Twenty-Second Regular Session assembled, respect-
12 fully submits that:

13 WHEREAS, the federal government is responsible for
14 making the rectangular surveys of the public domain; and

15 WHEREAS, there is an urgent need for increased rectan-
16 gular surveys in Alaska, and the lack of rectangular surveys
17 in Alaska created delay in issuance of land titles, and makes
18 difficult the orderly and progressive development of Alaska;
19 and

20 WHEREAS, only 6/10 of one per cent of Alaska has been
21 surveyed into townships and sections, and if surveys of Alaska
22 are continued at the average rate of the last fifty years, the
23 rectangular surveys will not be completed for 7700 years,
24 or until the year 9655 A.D.; and

25 WHEREAS, if surveys of Alaska are continued at the
26 average rate of the last ten years, the rectangular surveys
27 will not be completed for 43,650 years which evidences the
28 fact that the rate of surveys in Alaska is increasingly
29 neglected to an infinite degree; and

1 WHEREAS, oil and gas leases have been issued and applica-
2 tions are pending for millions of acres of unsurveyed land in
3 Alaska, and no part of the revenue of such leases is credited
4 to the permanent school fund because the land is not sur-
5 veyed; and

6 WHEREAS, there is a great need to increase the perma-
7 nent school fund as provided for in the Act of March 4, 1915
8 (49 US C 353), and large sums would accrue to this fund from
9 revenues received from school lands, but such lands can not
10 be reserved or selected as school land until surveyed; and

11 WHEREAS, for the last forty years only \$55,892.43 has
12 accumulated to the permanent school fund of Alaska chiefly
13 by virtue of lack of surveys necessary to establish the
14 reservation of school land,

15 NOW THEREFORE, Your Memorialist, the Legislature of the
16 Territory of Alaska, in Twenty-Second Regular Session assem-
17 bled, respectfully urges that at least two million dollars
18 per year for the next five years be made available for the
19 sole purpose of extending the rectangular surveys of
20 Alaska, to permit the settlement and development of Alaska to
21 proceed in an orderly manner on the basis of such surveys, and
22 to permit the public school system to materially benefit from
23 increased revenues from surveyed land which will become
24 reserved for the support of the schools upon survey.

25 AND YOUR MEMORIALIST WILL EVER PRAY.
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