

1 IN THE HOUSE

BY MRS. RYAN
BY REQUEST

2 HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 13

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. BARTLETT,
9 DELEGATE TO CONGRESS FROM ALASKA:

10 Your Memorialist, the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska,
11 in Twenty-second Regular Session assembled, respectfully submits
12 that:

13 WHEREAS, fishing is the main industry of Alaska; and

14 WHEREAS, water transportation is the chief method of serving
15 the exports and imports of Alaska; and

16 WHEREAS, the use and occupancy of the tide and submerged
17 land adjacent to the shores of navigable waters in Alaska is
18 essential to its fishing and water transportation industries; and

19 WHEREAS, improvements valued in the millions of dollars have
20 been constructed on the tide and submerged land of Alaska at all
21 its coastal towns and outlying fishing establishments; and

22 WHEREAS, the tide lands of Alaska are held in trust by the
23 federal government for the future State of Alaska; and

24 WHEREAS, the federal government has not by statute legalized
25 the occupancy of tide and submerged land of Alaska; and

26 WHEREAS, the federal government has not fully administered
27 the use made of tide flats, thus depriving the Territory of much
28 revenue and also caused continuation of an unstable economic
29 condition by not authorizing use or sale of tide and submerged

1 lands; and

2 WHEREAS, proper administration of the tide and submerged
3 lands by the Territory will encourage venture capital to invest
4 in coastal industries,

5 NOW THEREFORE, Your Memorialist, the Legislature of the
6 Territory of Alaska, in Twenty-Second Regular Session assembled,
7 respectfully urges that the federal government grant the
8 Territory the same rights as has been granted other States under
9 the Submerged Land Act of May 23, 1953 (67 Stat. 69) (43 USC 1301
10 and that Section 2 of the Act of May 14, 1898 (30 Stat. 409:
11 48 USC 411); Section 26 of the Act of June 6, 1900 (61 Stat. 916,
12 48 USC 381); and Section 4 of the Act of July 31, 1947 (64 Stat.
13 572, 43 USC 1188) be amended to conform to the grant of such
14 right.

15 AND YOUR MEMORIALIST WILL EVER PRAY.
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