

1 IN THE HOUSE

BY MESSRS. JOHNSON, KAY AND PLUMMER

2 HOUSE MEMORIAL NO. 18

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE TERRITORY OF ALASKA

4 TWENTY-SECOND SESSION

5 TO THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES; AND TO THE DELEGATE TO
6 CONGRESS FROM ALASKA:

7 Your Memorialist, the House of Representatives of the Terri-
8 tory of Alaska, in Twenty-second Regular Session assembled,
9 respectfully represents:

10 WHEREAS, the Territory of Alaska in recent years has experi-
11 enced an overwhelming influx of people, due principally to the
12 demands of the Federal Government for national defense construc-
13 tion in the Territory; and

14 WHEREAS, because of this tremendous growth of population
15 the schools of the Territory are crowded beyond the maximum level
16 for the health and safety of the children, and moreover, are
17 generally in a deplorable state of repair; and

18 WHEREAS, failure to immediately provide for adequate school
19 facilities will seriously hamper the Federal Government's plan for
20 the security of the Nation by a defense program in Alaska; and

21 WHEREAS, at the Territorial general election held on October
22 14, 1952, the people of Alaska by an overwhelming majority vote
23 expressed their wish that the Territory should issue general
24 obligation bonds in a sum not exceeding \$12,500,000 to be used
25 for school buildings and facilities; and

26 WHEREAS, because of limitations contained in the Alaska
27 Organic Act, the Territory cannot bond itself without affirmative
28 action on the part of Congress; and

29 WHEREAS, due to the demands for increased school, University,

1 and other urgent capital construction programs, it is no longer
2 possible for the Territory to continue to attempt to meet these
3 demands from current revenues; and

4 WHEREAS, in every state the constitution permits and the
5 states have been forced to incur debt for capital construction
6 programs;

7 NOW THEREFORE, your Memorialist, the House of Representatives
8 of the Territory of Alaska, in Twenty-second Regular Session
9 assembled, respectfully prays that Congress immediately authorize
10 the Territory of Alaska to issue general obligation bonds in a
11 sum not exceeding \$12,500,000 for the sole purpose of construction,
12 reconstruction and major repair of school and University buildings
13 and other major capital construction programs.

14 AND YOUR MEMORIALIST WILL EVER PRAY.
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