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1 IN THE HOUSE BY MR. KAY
2 HOUSE MEMORIAL NO. 19
3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE TERRITORY OF ALASKA
4 TWENTY-SECOND SESSION
5 TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES; THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED
6 STATES; THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR; AND TO THE DELEGATE TO
7 CONGRESS FROM ALASKA:
8 Your Memorialist, the House of Representatives of the Terri-
9 tory of Alaska, in Twenty-second Regular Session assembled, res-
10 pectfully submits that:
11 WHEREAS, the provision of Section 27 of the Jones Act,
12 excluding Alaska from the enjoyment of the benefits of through
13 routing over Canadian lines, the same as is bestowed upon every
14 other part of American territory, is a vicious discrimination
15 against and a great injustice and injury to our people; and
16 WHEREAS, we believe that said discrimination is in violation
17 of the spirit of Section 9, Article 1, of the Constitution of the
18 United States, which provides that "no preference shall be given
19 by any regulation of commerce or revenue to the ports of one state
20 over those of another"; and
21 WHEREAS, the Alaska Steamship Company has in the past
22 challenged Alaska by threatening to discontinue operation of ships
23 from Seattle if the Territory opposed any rate increase proposals;
24 and
25 WHEREAS, previous stoppages of service have resulted in
26 groundwork having been laid for establishing other means of trans-
27 portation at lower costs primarily by making Canadian service
28 available;
29 NOW THEREFORE, your Memorialist, the House of Representatives

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of the Territory of Alaska, in Twenty-second Regular Session assembled, respectfully urges that Section 27 of the Jones Act be amended to permanently remove the discrimination against Alaska.

AND YOUR MEMORIALIST WILL EVER PRAY.

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