

1 IN THE SENATE

BY SENATOR COOPER

2 SENATE BILL NO. 141

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE TERRITORY OF ALASKA

4 TWENTY-SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act designating November 30th as  
7 Anthony J. Dimond Day."

8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE TERRITORY OF ALASKA:

9 Section 1. It is the intent of this Act to honor the memory  
10 of Anthony J. (Tony) Dimond by giving official recognition to the  
11 great debt of gratitude owed by Alaskans to a great humanitarian  
12 and servant of and for Alaska, evidenced by the following facts  
13 and events:

14 (a) He came to Alaska at the age of 23 years to become  
15 a prospector in the Valdez area but shortly thereafter turned to  
16 the practice of law.

17 (b) Beginning in 1913 he was actively connected with  
18 the practice of law in Alaska for forty years. He was U. S.  
19 Commissioner at Chisana in 1913, and special assistant to the  
20 United States Attorney at Valdez in 1917.

21 (c) His devotion to the public service is witnessed by  
22 the fact that he served as a member of the Alaska Territorial  
23 Senate in the sessions of 1923, 1925, 1929 and 1931; and that he  
24 was Mayor of Valdez for nine years and Delegate from Alaska to  
25 the Congress of the United States from 1933 to 1945; and that  
26 from 1945 to the time of his death on the 28th day of May 1953  
27 he was a judge of the District Court of Alaska.

28 (d) As a judge "Tony" Dimond was a protector of human  
29 rights particularly of the rights of those accused of crime who

1 came before him during his tenure on the bench in Alaska.

2 (o) As Delegate from Alaska he warned the Congress to  
3 fortify Alaska and had his warnings been heeded the Japanese  
4 attack might never have taken place and the great cost of defense  
5 in Alaska would have been much less through following his prudent  
6 foresight.

7 (f) A "Christian gentleman," Judge Dimond was a firm  
8 believer in the natural law which existed according to his  
9 philosophy always before governments or written laws of man's  
10 making, and which was to be regarded as the highest law control-  
11 ling mortal men.

12 (g) As a lawyer, legislator and jurist he labored well  
13 and diligently for the cause of statehood for Alaska and was an  
14 ardent and eloquent advocate and supporter of that cause to which  
15 his devotion was dedicated.

16 (h) His legal ability and qualities as a judge were of  
17 the highest type; and his quiet manner and unfailing courtesy to  
18 witnesses and counsel who came before him gave clear evidence of  
19 his vast knowledge of human nature and its frailties.

20 (i) A personification of a merciful but impartial judge,  
21 he at all times maintained that tranquility of order and spirit  
22 which is so rare in the affairs of men; yet he gave unstintingly  
23 of his time and ability in public and civic affairs.

24 (j) Few men in Alaska have ever been called upon to  
25 serve their country in such high offices and for such extended  
26 periods of time, and none has served with more conscientious  
27 fidelity.

28 Sec. 2. November 30th of each year is hereby designated  
29 Anthony J. Dimond Day in honor of "Tony" Dimond, said day to be  
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1 observed by appropriate school assemblies and programs, and other  
2 suitable observances and exercises by civic groups and the public  
3 at large.

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