

1 IN THE SENATE

BY SENATORS FOSTER AND JONES

2 SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 2

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  
6 UNITED STATES; THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR; UNITED STATES  
7 BUREAU OF MINES; DEFENSE MINERALS EXPLORATION ADMINISTRATION;  
8 AND TERRITORIAL DELEGATE TO CONGRESS:

9 Your Memorialist, the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska,  
10 in Twenty-Second Session assembled, respectfully represents that:

11 WHEREAS, the mining industry is at a very low ebb in Alaska  
12 while it is advancing in Canada and the United States; and

13 WHEREAS, the Defense Minerals Exploration Administration  
14 program has caused the development of only one mine in Alaska  
15 into an economical operation; and

16 WHEREAS, there are innumerable deposits of strategic  
17 minerals in Alaska; and

18 WHEREAS, many of these mineral deposits are of such a size  
19 that the tonnage therefrom cannot be economically shipped  
20 separately to the States, and the miners cannot survive the  
21 lengthy waiting time for payment for their ores; and

22 WHEREAS, miners could open and mine those deposits if pur-  
23 chasing points were near at hand where their ore could be  
24 exchanged for a substantial partial payment immediately; and

25 WHEREAS, the General Services Administration operates ore  
26 purchasing depots in the States, but which are too far removed  
27 from Alaska to benefit Alaskan miners; and

28 WHEREAS, there is an agency ready and willing to perform or  
29 assist in performing the sampling and evaluation of such ship-

1 ments from Alaska for the U. S. Government, namely the Terri-  
2 terial Department of Mines; and

3 WHEREAS, a Federal ore purchasing program in Alaska would  
4 give the Federal taxpayers and the U. S. Government a definite  
5 value returned for their money, which at present under the  
6 Defense Minerals Exploration Administration in most cases they  
7 do not; and

8 WHEREAS, the mining economy so much needed in Alaska would  
9 be given a definite incentive and boost by such a program;

10 NOW THEREFORE, your Memorialist, the Legislature of the  
11 Territory of Alaska, respectfully urges that a United States  
12 ore purchasing program be set up in Alaska whereby a substantial  
13 partial payment may be made to producers of small lots of  
14 strategic minerals at point of production.

15 AND YOUR MEMORIALIST WILL EVER PRAY.  
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