

1 IN THE SENATE

BY SENATOR BARNES

2 SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 4

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; AND THE DELEGATE TO CONGRESS FROM ALASKA:

7 Your Memorialist, the Legislature of the Territory of
8 Alaska, respectfully submits that:

9 WHEREAS, the national laws provide that each state contain-
10 ing a national forest is entitled to receive as a payment in
11 lieu of taxes on such forest lands an amount equal to 25 per
12 centum of the proceeds from timber sales, such payments to be
13 used for the support of schools and roads in national forest
14 areas; and

15 WHEREAS, by special act of Congress, applicable only to
16 Alaska and no other territory or state of the United States, the
17 proceeds from timber sales in the Tongass National Forest have
18 been impounded in the U. S. Treasury and are not available for
19 regular distribution to Alaska; and

20 WHEREAS, the amount of money so impounded on October 1st,
21 1954, totalled \$1,428,662.96 of which the Territory was properly
22 entitled to the sum of \$357,165.74; and

23 WHEREAS, the amounts received from such timber sales are
24 increasing due to the development of the forests of Alaska, and
25 the annual amount to which Alaska is rightfully entitled on the
26 same basis as all other territories and states would be of
27 benefit to the programs for schools and roads in Alaska; and

28 WHEREAS, the amounts impounded have been set aside, and
29 should be kept available, for the settlement and proper deter-

1 mination of the entitlement of natives of Alaska to such lands
2 in the Tongass National Forest;

3 NOW, THEREFORE, your Memorialist, the Legislature of the
4 Territory of Alaska in Twenty-second Session assembled, respect-
5 fully urges that the Congress appropriate an amount equal to
6 25 per centum of the amount of Tongass timber receipts now im-
7 pounded; and that, hereafter, the Congress annually appropriate
8 an amount equal to 25 per centum of the Tongass timber receipts
9 impounded in each preceding year.

10 AND YOUR MEMORIALIST WILL EVER PRAY.

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