

1 IN THE SENATE

BY SENATOR FOSTER

2 SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 6

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 TERRITORIAL DELEGATE TO
7 CONGRESS;

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

10 WHEREAS, in Alaska the performing of 100 dollars worth of as-
11 sessment work on unpatented mining claims accomplishes very little
12 beneficial work because of the high wage and equipment rates; and

13 WHEREAS, the remoteness of most claims from roads and the
14 high cost of Alaskan air transportation cause many claim holders
15 to spend a disproportionate amount of money in travel to and from
16 the claims in order to perform the assessment work; and

17 WHEREAS, construction of mine access roads would be of greater
18 benefit to mines and mineral claims than the assessment work now
19 being performed; and

20 WHEREAS, a system similar to that proposed below is employed
21 satisfactorily in some of the Canadian provinces;

22 NOW, THEREFORE, your Memorialist, the Legislature of the
23 Territory of Alaska, respectfully urges that Federal legislation
24 be passed to allow claim holders to deposit 100 dollars in cash
25 per claim in lieu of assessment work with the recorder of the
26 proper precinct, executing an affidavit therefor, and the money
27 to be forwarded to a fund administered by the Territorial Highway
28 Engineer for the sole use of building mine access roads.

29 AND YOUR MEMORIALIST WILL EVER PRAY.