

1 IN THE SENATE

BY SENATOR LYNCH

2 SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 15

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE TERRITORY OF ALASKA

4 TWENTY-SECOND SESSION

5 TO THE HONORABLE DOUGLAS MC KAY, SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR; THE
6 HONORABLE JAMES MURRAY, CHAIRMAN OF INTERIOR AND INSULAR AFFAIRS
7 COMMITTEE OF THE UNITED STATES SENATE; THE HONORABLE CLAIRE ENGLE,
8 CHAIRMAN OF THE INTERIOR AND INSULAR AFFAIRS COMMITTEE OF THE
9 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES; THE HONORABLE FELIX WORMSER, ASSISTANT
10 SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR FOR MINERALS; THE HONORABLE B. FRANK
11 WEINZLEMAN, GOVERNOR OF ALASKA; THE HONORABLE E. L. BARTLETT,
12 DELEGATE TO CONGRESS FROM ALASKA; AND TO THE UNITED STATES
13 CONGRESS:

14 Your Memorialist, the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska,
15 in Twenty-second Session assembled, respectfully represents that:

16 WHEREAS, there is located on the highly mineralized Seward
17 Peninsula of northwestern Alaska over 1,000 square miles that are
18 considered by the U. S. Geological Survey and the U. S. Bureau
19 of Mines, commercial tin possibilities; and,

20 WHEREAS, World War II spotlighted the appalling lack of tin
21 in the United States, either stockpiled, or in the ground as
22 known reserves; and,

23 WHEREAS, two-thirds of the world supply of tin is produced
24 in those countries now under the influence of, and dominated by,
25 communism; and,

26 WHEREAS, Asia, and particularly Malaya, Indonesia, and
27 Thailand, the chief source of supply would immediately be cut off
28 in case of war; and,

29 WHEREAS, Bolivia, the remaining chief source of supply, has

1 through expropriation and nationalization of tin rendered the
2 industry extremely unstable and precarious; and,

3 WHEREAS, a dependable supply of tin is an absolute essential
4 to our ever expanding economy and to our national security, both
5 in time of war and peace:

6 NOW THEREFORE, your Memorialist, the Legislature of the
7 Territory of Alaska, in Twenty-second Regular Session assembled,
8 urges that the Congress of the United States enact Legislation
9 to bring domestic tin into the same category as tungsten and
10 other strategic metals, extending over a period of years sufficient
11 to allow ample time for privately financed exploration, and there-
12 after development and production from the existing domestic de-
13 posits, and those which may be discovered.

14 AND YOUR MEMORIALIST WILL EVER PRAY.
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