

IN THE SENATE

BY SENATORS COOPER, EGAN AND OWEN

SENATE MEMORIAL NO. 4

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE TERRITORY OF ALASKA

TWENTY-SECOND SESSION

TO THE HONORABLE WARREN G. MAGNUSSEN<sup>OR</sup>, UNITED STATES SENATE; TO THE CHAIRMAN, INTERSTATE COMMERCE COMMISSION; TO THE CHAIRMAN, FEDERAL MARITIME BOARD.

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

WHEREAS, the Honorable Secretary of Interior has announced that consideration is being given to the letting of a contract to a common carrier by water for the operation of a Sea-train to Alaska; and

WHEREAS, such a contract, after being given force and effect, is, in fact, equivalent to a franchise; and

WHEREAS, such service is a drastic departure from the standard and long established type of water service to Alaskan ports, and, being untried, merits the most thorough and unbiased consideration and investigation of all segments of Alaskan population and enterprise that is pre-destined to absorb all costs of such innovation in steamship service by application of local and interstate tariffs; and

WHEREAS, the residents of Alaska have not been consulted or afforded an opportunity to express opinions or interrogate sponsors of the proposed new service that will be such a vital factor in their future;

NOW THEREFORE, your memorialist prays that this all-important matter be the subject of a hearing in Alaska by the Honorable

Warren G. Magnus<sup>sen</sup> and such other members of Congress and interested government agencies as will contribute to an equitable consideration of the problems involved by evaluating the opinions and expressions of the residents of the Territory of Alaska.  
AND YOUR MEMORIALIST WILL EVER PRAY.