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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE TERRITORY OF ALASKA

4

TWENTY-THIRD SESSION

5 TO THE HONORABLE WAINO HENDRICKSON, ACTING GOVERNOR OF ALASKA; THE
6 HONORABLE SINCLAIR WEEKS, SECRETARY OF COMMERCE; THE HONORABLE
7 C. D. CURTISS, COMMISSIONER OF THE BUREAU OF PUBLIC ROADS; THE
8 HONORABLE A. F. GHIGLIONE, ACTING REGIONAL ENGINEER, REGION TEN,
9 BUREAU OF PUBLIC ROADS; THE HONORABLE IRVING REED, TERRITORIAL
10 HIGHWAY ENGINEER,

11 Your Memorialist, the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska,
12 in Twenty-third Regular Session assembled, respectfully submits
13 that:

14 WHEREAS, the commerce, industry, and population of the city
15 of Kodiak, Alaska, are rapidly growing; and

16 WHEREAS, about 10,000 persons, including personnel attached
17 to the U. S. Naval Station at Kodiak, reside in the city and its
18 environs, and there are 3,749 registered motor vehicles in and
19 around the city and 1,250 on the Naval Station, making a total of
20 4,999 vehicles that will be operated on Kodiak roads during 1957;
21 and

22 WHEREAS, only 60 miles of roads exist on Kodiak to accommo-
23 date such vehicles, with only thirteen miles of road around the
24 city and about 47 miles of road on the other side of the Kodiak
25 Naval Station, on which only persons with passes may travel; and

26 WHEREAS, construction on public roads outside the city has
27 amounted to very little, if any, in the past 15 years; and

28 WHEREAS, the location, survey and construction of a road
29 approximately 3/8ths of a mile long between Mission Road and Mill

1 Bay Roads, departing Mission Road close to the inlet of Spruce
2 Haven Lake, sometimes referred to as Mission Lake, and terminating
3 about the outlet of Beaver Lake, is direly needed to open up new
4 land now held in reserve for further expansion of the community,
5 as well as for relieving traffic on the lower ends of Mission and
6 Mill Bay roads; and

7 WHEREAS, the location, survey and construction of a road
8 approximately 20 miles long departing from the road to Miller
9 Point and continuing along the north shore, of Melnitsa Lake,
10 sometimes called Island Lake, and continuing to and around the
11 head of Monashka Bay and following the shoreline below an eleva-
12 tion of 250 feet to Otmeloi Point opposite the village of Ouzinki,
13 thence south and west to join the Anton Larsen Bay Road at the
14 head of Anton Larsen Bay, would make available for processing
15 approximately 50 million feet of marketable timber, and would
16 make accessible sand and gravel which is needed by the city of
17 Kodiak for concrete and road building, and would provide oppor-
18 tunity for travel between the communities of Afognak, Ouzinki and
19 Kodiak without requiring the navigation of treacherous Narrow
20 Strait where at least 30 persons have lost their lives in the past
21 15 years, and would open valuable grazing and mineral lands and
22 make more accessible the valuable crabbing grounds of Kizhuyak
23 and Marmat Bays; and

24 WHEREAS, the rehabilitation, standardization and maintenance
25 of the now existing road leading from the boundary of the U. S.
26 Navy Reservation to its terminus at Anton Larsen Bay, which road
27 has not been maintained for years and has become almost impass-
28 able in many places, is most urgently requested inasmuch as this
29 road is heavily traveled much of the year by tourists,

1 vacationists, sportsmen, commercial fishermen, and for the hauling
2 of lumber, hay and other supplies necessary to the livelihood of
3 the persons residing and working in the area; and

4 WHEREAS, the above roads and road improvements would consid-
5 erably promote industry, attract new residents and tourists, im-
6 prove and promote the general progress and economy in this
7 region and greatly lessen the hazards for travel and transporta-
8 tion on Kodiak Island;

9 NOW, THEREFORE, your Memorialist, the Legislature of the
10 Territory of Alaska in Twenty-third Session assembled, respect-
11 fully urges the above road construction and improvements,

12 AND YOUR MEMORIALIST WILL EVER PRAY.

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