

1 IN THE HOUSE

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HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 14

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE TERRITORY OF ALASKA

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TWENTY-THIRD SESSION

5 TO THE HONORABLE DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED
6 STATES; THE HONORABLE FREDERICK A. SEATON, SECRETARY OF THE
7 INTERIOR; THE HONORABLE CHARLES E. WILSON, SECRETARY OF DEFENSE;
8 THE HONORABLE JAMES MURRAY, CHAIRMAN OF THE INTERIOR AND IN-
9 SULAR AFFAIRS COMMITTEE OF THE UNITED STATES SENATE; AND THE
10 HONORABLE CLAIRE ENGLE, CHAIRMAN OF THE INTERIOR AND INSULAR
11 AFFAIRS COMMITTEE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

12 Your Memorialist, the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska
13 in Twenty-Third Session assembled, respectfully represents that;

14 WHEREAS, the United States Department of Air Force has filed
15 Application Serial No. Fairbanks 010087, published in the Federal
16 Register of November 29, 1956, for a withdrawal of 2700 acres of
17 land in the Cape Prince of Wales area of the Seward Peninsula,
18 Alaska, which includes Cape Creek; and

19 WHEREAS, Cape Creek contains large reserves of tin-bearing
20 gravels proven by U. S. Bureau of Mines drilling; and

21 WHEREAS, the requested withdrawal will exclude entry under
22 the mining laws; and

23 WHEREAS, two-thirds of the world supply of tin is produced
24 in those countries under the influence of, or dominated by com-
25 munist, and would be immediately cut off in case of war; and

26 WHEREAS, the mining of the Cape Creek tin would be a benefit
27 to the economy of Alaska as well as to our national security; and

28 WHEREAS, said mining of the Cape Creek tin would not inter-
29 fere with the military operations or security within the proposed

1 withdrawal or neighboring vicinity;

2 NOW THEREFORE, Your Memorialist, the Legislature of the
3 Territory of Alaska, respectfully requests that the said Depart-
4 ment of Air Force application for a 2700-acre withdrawal cover-
5 ing Cape Creek on the Seward Peninsula be not granted or else be
6 amended in such a manner that entry under the mining laws may be
7 effected.

8 AND YOUR MEMORIALIST WILL EVER PRAY.

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