

1 IN THE SENATE BY SENATOR FOSTER

2 SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 1

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE TERRITORY OF ALASKA

4 TWENTY-THIRD SESSION

5 TO THE HONORABLE FRED SEATON, SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR; THE
6 HONORABLE JAMES MURRAY, CHAIRMAN OF INTERIOR AND INSULAR AFFAIRS
7 COMMITTEE OF THE UNITED STATES SENATE; THE HONORABLE CLAIR 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 MAINO
11 HENRICKSON, ACTING GOVERNOR OF ALASKA; THE HONORABLE E. L.
12 BARILETT, DELEGATE TO CONGRESS FROM ALASKA; AND TO THE UNITED
13 STATES CONGRESS:

14 Your Memorialist, the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska,
15 in Twenty-Third 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 of
19 Mines to have commercial tin possibilities; and,

20 WHEREAS, there are within this area large quantities of tin-
21 bearing material proven by test-drilling; and,

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

25 WHEREAS, two-thirds of the world supply of tin is produced in
26 those countries now under the influence of, or dominated by, commu-
27 nism; and,

28 WHEREAS, Asia, and particularly Malaya, Indonesia, and Thai-
29 land, the chief sources of supply would immediately be cut off in

1 case of war; and,

2 WHEREAS, Bolivia, the remaining chief source of supply, has
3 through expropriation and nationalization of tin rendered the in-
4 dustry extremely unstable and precarious; and,

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

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

16 . AND YOUR MEMORALIST WILL EVER PRAY.

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