

1 IN THE SENATE

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2 SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 4 OWEN AND BUTROVICH

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE TERRITORY OF ALASKA

4 TWENTY-THIRD SESSION

5 TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES; THE CONGRESS OF THE
6 UNITED STATES; THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE OF THE UNITED STATES;
7 THE INTERSTATE COMMERCE COMMITTEE OF THE UNITED STATES SENATE;
8 THE GOVERNOR OF ALASKA; AND THE DELEGATE TO CONGRESS FROM ALASKA;

9 Your Memorialist, the Legislature of the Territory of
10 Alaska, in its Twenty-Third Session assembled, respectfully
11 represents that:

12 WHEREAS, the timber in the National Forests in Alaska
13 is chiefly valuable for, and especially adapted to the manu-
14 facture of pulp, paper and pulp products and lumber; and

15 WHEREAS, the law creating the National Forests in
16 Alaska, and amendments thereto, prohibit the export of logs and
17 timber from the National Forests in the Territory, except where
18 in the judgment of the Secretary of Agriculture, "the supply of
19 timber for local use will not be endangered thereby"; and

20 WHEREAS, the prohibition against Export, contained in
21 the law, has been recognized and faithfully enforced for more
22 than two generations in order to protect the business of local
23 saw mills and to encourage and promote the establishment of pulp
24 and paper mills and plywood plants in Alaska, with the great
25 economic advantages in the matter of increase of population,
26 employment of labor and contribution to the Territory's revenue;
27 and

28 WHEREAS, one large pulp mill has been built at
29 Ketchikan within the past three years requiring an investment of
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1 more than \$60,000,000.00, and is now in full operation, and
2 another of equal size will be established at Sitka with con-
3 struction to be commenced this year; with others to follow if
4 timber from the National Forests is kept available under the
5 present law and the Regulations of the Department; and

6 WHEREAS, a change in the law and regulations so as to
7 permit export of logs, would be little short of disastrous to
8 the economy of Alaska;

9 NOW THEREFORE, your Memorialist, the Legislature of
10 the Territory of Alaska, respectfully urges that there be no
11 change made by Congress in the law prohibiting the export of
12 logs from the National Forests in Alaska, and no relaxation in
13 any pernicious regulations of the Department of Agriculture,
14 under the law, and that the policy of the law and past regu-
15 lations be followed in the future to the end that the natural
16 timber grown in Alaska, be manufactured within the Territory,
17 so that the Territory may derive the full benefit therefrom.

18 AND YOUR MEMORIALIST WILL EVER PRAY.

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