

1 IN THE SENATE

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SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 5

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE TERRITORY OF ALASKA

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TWENTY-THIRD SESSION

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TO THE HONORABLE DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED

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STATES; THE HONORABLE FREDERICK A. SEATON, SECRETARY OF THE IN-

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TERIOR; THE HONORABLE JAMES MURRAY, CHAIRMAN OF THE INTERIOR AND

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INSULAR AFFAIRS COMMITTEE OF THE UNITED STATES SENATE; THE

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HONORABLE CLAIR ENGLE, CHAIRMAN OF THE INTERIOR AND INSULAR

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AFFAIRS COMMITTEE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES; TO THE HONOR-

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ABLE E. L. BARTLETT, DELEGATE TO CONGRESS FROM ALASKA; AND TO THE

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UNITED STATES CONGRESS:

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Your Memorialist, the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska,

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in Twenty-Third Session assembled, respectfully represents that:

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WHEREAS, Alaska badly needs basic industry for a sound econo-

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my, and Alaska's future prosperity will be dependent primarily on

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mining, lumbering, and fishing; and

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WHEREAS, lands to the extent of approximately one-third of

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Alaska's total acreage have been withdrawn from mineral and other

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types of entry, and these withdrawals are one of the factors re-

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tarding the industrial development of Alaska; and

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WHEREAS, there is currently proposed by the United States

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Forest Service a Tracy Arm-Fords Terror Wilderness Area in Alaska,

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which area is promising for future mineral developments; and

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WHEREAS, there are now a number of similar bills pending in

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Congress which have as their purpose the establishment of a

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National Wilderness Preservation System, the creation of which as

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proposed in the bills would ultimately result in great additional

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areas of Alaska being withdrawn from industrial development, even

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1 though not necessarily closed to mineral prospecting; and

2 WHEREAS, among these similar bills one H.R. 361 by Mr. O'Hara  
3 of Illinois, H.R. 500 by Mr. Saylor of Pennsylvania, and several  
4 others:

5 NOW THEREFORE, Your Memorialist, the Legislature of the  
6 Territory of Alaska respectfully requests that no more wilderness  
7 areas or other withdrawals be made of known mineralized sections  
8 of Alaska which would place these lands within the scope of such  
9 proposed National Wilderness Preservation System.

10 AND YOUR MEMORIALIST WILL EVER PRAY.

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