

1 IN THE SENATE

BY SENATOR OWEN

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SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 11

3

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 OF AMERICA; THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES; THE HONORABLE
7 FRED A. SEATON, SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR OF THE UNITED STATES;
8 AND THE HONORABLE E. L. BARTLETT, DELEGATE TO CONGRESS FROM ALASKA.

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

11 WHEREAS, sport fishing in the Territory of Alaska for gray-
12 ling, trout, salmon and other species of fish constitutes a valu-
13 able recreation for residents and non-residents of the Territory;
14 and

15 WHEREAS, hunting in Alaska for moose, caribou, deer, goat,
16 sheep, grouse, ptarmigan, and other game animals and game birds,
17 likewise, is a heartily enjoyed recreation for both residents and
18 non-residents of the Territory; and

19 WHEREAS, sport fishing and hunting offers some of the most
20 important attractions for inducing people to make their permanent
21 homes in Alaska; and

22 WHEREAS, one of the strongest enticements Alaska has to offer
23 its tourists is the hunting and fishing found in the Territory;
24 and

25 WHEREAS, the sport fish and game animals in the Territory
26 have a tremendous aesthetic value to the sportsman, nature lover
27 and camera enthusiast; and

28 WHEREAS, sport fish and game animals in Alaska are in need
29 of scientific study and management; and

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1 WHEREAS, the 1949 Session of the Territorial Legislature,
2 realizing, among other things, the value of sport fishing in the
3 Territory, created an Alaska Fisheries Board and an Alaska De-
4 partment of Fisheries; and

5 WHEREAS, the Alaska Fisheries Board initiated a Sport Fish
6 Division which is staffed with well trained and experienced sport
7 fish biologists who have amply demonstrated their ability in sport
8 fish rehabilitation, research and related projects during the past
9 six years; and

10 WHEREAS, the 1957 Session of the Territorial Legislature
11 created an Alaska Fish and Game Commission and an Alaska Department
12 of Fish and Game which has the Territorial administration of all
13 the fish and game resources of the Territory; and

14 WHEREAS, monies collected from hunting and fishing license
15 sales cannot be used for any other purpose than the administration
16 of the sport fish and game resources of the Territory; and

17 WHEREAS, under the present Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration
18 Act (16 USCA 669 et seq.), commonly known as the Pittman-Robertson
19 Act, and under the present Federal Aid in Fish Restoration Act
20 (16 USCA 777 et seq.), commonly known as the Dingell-Johnson Act,
21 funds allotted to Alaska are not given to the Territory, but to a
22 Federal agency; and

23 WHEREAS, in the case of every other territory and possession
24 (Hawaii, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands) these funds are given
25 to the local agency;

26 NOW THEREFORE, Your Memorialist, the Legislature of the Terri-
27 tory of Alaska in Twenty-Third Session assembled, respectfully
28 urges that the Congress of the United States amend the Federal Aid
29 in Wildlife Restoration Act (16 USCA 669 et seq.) and the Federal

1 Aid in Fish Restoration Act (16 USCA 777 et seq.) to authorize
2 the Secretary of the Department of the Interior to cooperate with
3 the Territory of Alaska by allotting Alaska's share of these
4 Federal funds for the conduct of sport fish and game restoration
5 to the Alaska Department of Fish and Game.

6 AND YOUR MEMORIALIST WILL EVER PRAY.

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