

1 IN THE HOUSE

BY MR. JOHNSON

2 HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 19

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 FIRST LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 TO THE HONORABLE ROBERT B. ANDERSON, SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY;
6 COMMANDER, SEVENTEENTH DISTRICT, U. S. COAST GUARD; THE HONORABLE
7 E. L. BARTLETT AND THE HONORABLE ERNEST GRUENING, SENATORS FROM
8 ALASKA; AND THE HONORABLE RALPH J. RIVERS, REPRESENTATIVE FROM
9 ALASKA:

10 Your Memorialist, the Legislature of the State of Alaska in
11 First Session assembled, respectfully submits that:

12 WHEREAS, freight rates are fifty dollars per ton from St.
13 Michael to the lower Yukon River delta; and

14 WHEREAS, freight costs to Alaskans on the lower Yukon would
15 be greatly decreased if the middle mouth of the Yukon were
16 adequately marked for deep sea navigation; and

17 WHEREAS, the access channel to the lower Yukon presently
18 marked for navigation is impassable at low tide; and

19 WHEREAS, for many years monopoly interests have forced the
20 people of the lower Yukon to pay extravagant prices for the
21 necessities of life; and

22 WHEREAS, marking a different and known channel for navigation
23 would be reasonable in cost and result in substantial benefits to
24 Alaskans living on the lower Yukon;

25 NOW THEREFORE, Your Memorialist, the Legislature of the State
26 of Alaska in First Session assembled, respectfully urges that the
27 U. S. Coast Guard mark the middle mouth of the Yukon River for
28 navigation in time for the 1959 navigation season.