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1 IN THE HOUSE

2 HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 21

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 FIRST LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 TO THE HONORABLE NEIL H. MCELROY, SECRETARY OF DEFENSE; THE  
6 HONORABLE WILBER M. BRUCKER, SECRETARY OF THE ARMY; THE HONORABLE  
7 JAMES H. DOUGLAS, SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE; THE HONORABLE  
8 THOMAS S. GATES, JR., SECRETARY OF THE NAVY; THE HONORABLE CARL  
9 VINSON, CHAIRMAN OF THE ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE, HOUSE OF  
10 REPRESENTATIVES; THE HONORABLE E. L. BARTLETT AND THE HONORABLE  
11 ERNEST GRUENING, SENATORS FROM ALASKA; AND THE HONORABLE RALPH  
12 J. RIVERS, REPRESENTATIVE FROM ALASKA;

13 Your Memorialist, the Legislature of the State of Alaska,  
14 First Legislature, First Session assembled, respectfully represents:

15 WHEREAS, near the cities of Anchorage, Fairbanks and Kodiak  
16 are large military installations which include extensive military  
17 post exchange and commissary facilities; and

18 WHEREAS, these military stores, in direct competition with  
19 the business men and women of these communities, sell practically  
20 every item to be found in the stores of these cities; and

21 WHEREAS, since these post exchanges in Alaska are in no  
22 way restricted as to the items they can sell and the prices  
23 they must charge, the situation is not only extremely harmful  
24 to the civilian economy of the nearby communities but is unique  
25 among the 49 states since in the other 48 the prices charged in  
26 such commissaries must be based on realistic cost figures and  
27 certain common items of sale are prohibited in such military  
28 stores; and

29 WHEREAS, this situation of successful military competition

1 is harmful not only to the people with whom these stores are in  
2 competition but also to the cities themselves since the facilities  
3 of these communities, of which great use is made by the service-  
4 men, are paid for entirely out of tax revenues which, in the  
5 case of such servicemen, are minimal because of their failure to  
6 utilize the civilian stores available;

7       NOW THEREFORE, your Memorialist, the Legislature of the  
8 State of Alaska, respectfully urges that the Congress of the  
9 United States and the Department of Defense cooperate in ex-  
10 tending to the new State of Alaska the restrictions against  
11 military post exchange and commissary competition as are found  
12 in the other states and that in so doing the military stores be  
13 directed to limit their sales to personal necessities rather  
14 than items which are readily available in the nearby Alaskan  
15 cities.

16       AND YOUR MEMORIALIST WILL EVER PRAY

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