

1 IN THE HOUSE

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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 post exchanges 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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