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IN THE HOUSE

BY THE COMMITTEE ON
RULES BY REQUEST

HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 27

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

FIRST LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

TO THE HONORABLE DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES; THE HONORABLE FRED SEATON, SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR; THE HONORABLE EDWARD WOOZLEY, DIRECTOR OF THE BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT; THE HONORABLE E. L. BARTLETT, UNITED STATES SENATOR; HONORABLE ERNEST GRUENING, UNITED STATES SENATOR; THE HONORABLE RALPH RIVERS, UNITED STATES CONGRESSMAN, THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS, THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA:

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

WHEREAS, the federal government of the United States, through the United States Department of Interior, Bureau of Land Management, has entered into an agreement with certain Alaskan homesteaders by issuing notice of allowance on homestead lands; and

WHEREAS, this agreement did not mention any reservation, by the federal government, of oil and gas on homestead lands at the time the agreement was made; and

WHEREAS, the homesteaders have in good faith, lived up to the terms of their agreement entered into with the federal government; and

WHEREAS, the classification of this land by the U. S. Geological Survey to be presently and in the future potentially valuable for oil and gas has placed the agricultural value of this land to the homesteaders in jeopardy; and

WHEREAS, the information upon which this land was classified

1 potentially valuable for oil and gas, has been available to the
2 United States Geological Survey for many years, we maintain the
3 federal government in good faith, should have reserved the oil
4 and gas rights before notice of allowance was issued to the
5 homesteaders; and

6 WHEREAS, this homestead land would be of greater value to
7 the state as a source of tax revenue if the oil and gas rights
8 were to remain in the hands of the homesteader; and

9 WHEREAS, a major portion of the economy of the State of
10 Alaska lies within its productive farm lands; and

11 WHEREAS, the homestead lands involved are the best agricul-
12 tural lands left in the State of Alaska;

13 NOW THEREFORE, Your Memorialist urges the introduction and
14 passage of any legislation in the Congress of the United States of
15 America necessary to assure that the homestead entry-men who
16 have received a notice of allowance and have made improvements
17 upon their homesteads before July 23, 1957 (the day Swanson Creek
18 Well produced oil) receive the oil and gas rights on their home-
19 steads.

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