

1 IN THE HOUSE

BY MR. JOHNSON

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HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 34

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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FIRST LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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TO THE HONORABLE ROBERT B. ANDERSON, SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY;

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REAR ADMIRAL CHESTER HARDING, COMMANDER, SEVENTEENTH DISTRICT,

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U. S. COAST GUARD; THE HONORABLE E. L. BARTLETT AND THE HONORABLE

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ERNEST GRUENING, SENATORS FROM ALASKA; AND THE HONORABLE RALPH J.

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RIVERS, REPRESENTATIVE FROM ALASKA:

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Your Memorialist, the Legislature of the State of Alaska in

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Second Session assembled, respectfully submits that:

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WHEREAS, freight rates are fifty dollars per ton from St.

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Michael to the lower Yukon River delta; and

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WHEREAS, freight costs to Alaskans on the lower Yukon would

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be greatly decreased if the middle mouth of the Yukon were ade-

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quately marked for deep sea navigation; and

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WHEREAS, the access channel to the lower Yukon presently

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marked for navigation is impassable at low tide; and

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WHEREAS, for many years monopoly interests have forced the

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people of the lower Yukon to pay extravagant prices for the

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necessities of life; and

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WHEREAS, marking a different and known channel for naviga-

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tion would be reasonable in cost and result in substantial bene-

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fits to Alaskans living on the lower Yukon;

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NOW THEREFORE, Your Memorialist respectfully urges that the

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U. S. Coast Guard mark the middle mouth of the Yukon River for

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navigation in time for the 1960 navigation season; the middle

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mouth of the Yukon River is that mouth known as Kwikpak and is

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situate approximately half way between Sheldon's Point and

1 Kotlik on the coast line. "Mark" in this case will mean "marking  
2 by the placing of numbered buoys in the river channel" and the  
3 installation of a blinker light on an island situate at the mouth  
4 of the said Kwikpak River.

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