

1 IN THE HOUSE BY MR. BLODGETT
2 HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 42
3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
4 FIRST LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION
5 TO THE HONORABLE SAM RAYBURN, SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF
6 REPRESENTATIVES; THE HONORABLE RICHARD M. NIXON, PRESIDENT OF
7 THE SENATE; THE HONORABLE FRED A. SEATON, SECRETARY OF THE
8 INTERIOR; THE HONORABLE E.L. BARTLETT AND THE HONORABLE ERNEST
9 GRUENING, SENATORS FROM ALASKA; AND THE HONORABLE RALPH J. RIVERS,
10 REPRESENTATIVE FROM ALASKA:

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

14 WHEREAS, the welfare of the people of Alaska and the eco-
15 nomic future of the State of Alaska is inextricably joined with
16 the sound, systematic and secure development of its mining
17 resources without undue delay; and

18 WHEREAS, every effort should be made to encourage the
19 development of the State of Alaska's mining resources and to
20 facilitate mining activities and the patenting of mining entries
21 on federal lands located within the State of Alaska; and

22 WHEREAS, on June 7, 1910 (36 Stat. 459), the Congress of the
23 United States enacted a statute relating to the filing of adverse
24 claims and the instituting of adverse suits against mineral
25 entries on federal lands in the then Territory of Alaska; and

26 WHEREAS, this statute was made applicable only to the then
27 Territory, now the State of Alaska, and by the provisions thereof
28 increased by eight months the period of time within which adverse
29 claimants are permitted to file objections to the issuance of a

1 patent on mineral entries made upon federal lands in the State of
2 Alaska and also extended the period of time in which adverse
3 suits against such mineral entries could be instituted; and

4 WHEREAS, said statute of 1910 has caused great delay in the
5 issuance of patents to mining entries and has had a detrimental
6 effect upon the mining industry in the State of Alaska; and

7 WHEREAS, the present conditions of communication and travel
8 in the State of Alaska do not justify exceptional treatment to
9 be made as to mineral entries made on federal lands in the State
10 of Alaska; and

11 WHEREAS, the repeal of said statute will act as an incentive
12 to the mining industry of Alaska by accelerating patent proceed-
13 ings as to federal lands; and

14 WHEREAS, there is presently pending in the Senate of the
15 United States Senate Bill No. 2909 which would repeal the provi-
16 sions of the aforementioned statute approved June 7, 1910 (36
17 Stat. 495);

18 NOW THEREFORE, Your Memorialist urges that the Congress and
19 the Executive Branch proceed with deliberate speed to pass Senate
20 Bill No. 2909 entitled "A Bill to repeal an Act entitled 'An Act
21 extending the time in which to file adverse claims and institute
22 adverse suits against mineral entries in the district of Alaska',
23 approved June 7, 1910 (36 Stat. 459)."

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