

1 IN THE SENATE

BY MR. OWEN

2 SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 1

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 FIRST LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 TO THE HONORABLE DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED
6 STATES; THE HONORABLE FRED A. SEATON, SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR;
7 THE HONORABLE JOHN FOSTER DULLES, SECRETARY OF STATE; THE
8 HONORABLE LYNDON JOHNSON, SENATE MAJORITY LEADER; THE HONORABLE
9 SAM RAYBURN, SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES; THE
10 HONORABLE E. L. BARTLETT AND THE HONORABLE ERNEST GRUENING,
11 SENATORS FROM ALASKA; AND THE HONORABLE RALPH J. RIVERS, REPRE-
12 SENTATIVE FROM ALASKA:

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

15 WHEREAS, the United States Fish and Wildlife Service has
16 recommended that the Bristol Bay Fishery within the State of
17 Alaska be closed because of the depletion of the Bristol Bay sal-
18 mon runs caused by the intensive Japanese fishing efforts in that
19 area, in spite of the vigorous and continuing objections on the
20 part of Alaskans; and

21 WHEREAS, many American fishermen, and more particularly the
22 residents of the Bristol Bay area, will thereby be deprived of
23 their traditional means of livelihood, without hope of relief
24 since at present no other employment is available within the area
25 nor is there a substitute use for the salmon processing plants;
26 and

27 WHEREAS, the United States Department of State, by per-
28 mitting the Japanese to continue fishing in this area without
29 restriction or hindrance, suggests that the American abandonment

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1 of the Bristol Bay Fishery in favor of the Japanese is in the
2 best interest of the United States; and

3 WHEREAS, the United States has traditionally recompensed
4 farmers and other producers who refrain from production in the
5 national interest;

6 NOW THEREFORE, your Memorialist, the Legislature of the
7 State of Alaska, respectfully urges that the Congress of the
8 United States enact legislation as will adequately and annually
9 recompense those persons presently engaged in the Bristol Bay
10 Fishery who restrict their normal fish production in the national
11 interest.

12 AND YOUR MEMORIALIST WILL EVER PRAY.

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14 Passed by the Senate January 28, 1959.

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