

1 IN THE SENATE BY SENATOR RYAN

2 SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 8

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 RICHARD NIXON, PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE; THE  
7 HONORABLE SAM RAYBURN, SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES;  
8 THE HONORABLE E. L. BARTLETT AND THE HONORABLE ERNEST GRUENING,  
9 SENATORS FROM ALASKA; THE HONORABLE RALPH J. RIVERS, REPRESENTA-  
10 TIVE FROM ALASKA:

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

14 WHEREAS, the State of Alaska under the provisions of Public  
15 Law 85-508 is granted 103,550,000 acres of land for selection; and

16 WHEREAS, one-third of Alaska's land area is already approp-  
17 riated in such manner as to be unavailable for selection; and

18 WHEREAS, an equal amount of land constitutes mountainous and  
19 glacial areas unsuitable for selection; and

20 WHEREAS, committee reports on the statehood bill for Alaska  
21 very clearly emphasized that Alaska must have maximum management  
22 of its natural resources for economic reasons; and

23 WHEREAS, Section 6 (h) of Public Law 85-508 establishes an  
24 arbitrary date of July 7, 1958 which limits State selection for  
25 oil and gas lands to those actually under lease prior to said  
26 date; and

27 WHEREAS, the State of Alaska has not yet received rules and  
28 regulations from the Secretary of the Interior controlling land  
29 grant selections; and

1           WHEREAS, the Interior Department is presently issuing oil and  
2 gas leases covering two million acres per month, which action  
3 precludes State selection of these areas;

4           NOW THEREFORE, Your Memorialist, the Legislature of the State  
5 of Alaska, urges that action be taken to have the restricting  
6 phrase "...unless such lease, permit, license, or contract is in  
7 effect on the date of approval of this Act, and..." stricken from  
8 the first sentence of Section 6 (h) of Public Law 85-508.

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