

1 IN THE SENATE

BY SENATOR HOPSON

2 SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 17

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 FIRST LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 TO THE HONORABLE ARTHUR E. SUMMERFIELD, POSTMASTER GENERAL OF THE  
6 UNITED STATES; THE HONORABLE E. L. BARTLETT AND THE HONORABLE  
7 ERNEST GRUENING, UNITED STATES SENATORS FROM ALASKA; AND THE  
8 HONORABLE RALPH J. RIVERS, UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE FROM  
9 ALASKA:

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

13 WHEREAS, the present second class United States Post Office  
14 at Barrow, Alaska is inadequate even for light winter service,  
15 and consists of a privately owned quonset hut; and

16 WHEREAS, the Barrow Post Office serves as the distribution  
17 point for several villages and DEW line sites and naval ship con-  
18 voys; and

19 WHEREAS, the volume of mail averages 5,000 pounds outbound  
20 and 15,000 pounds inbound per week; and

21 WHEREAS, the revenue from stamps exceeds \$8,000 per annum  
22 and money orders written are valued at about \$250,000 annually; and

23 WHEREAS, the volume of business transacted at the United  
24 States Post Office at Barrow, as evidenced by the above figures,  
25 makes it imperative that enlarged and more permanent post office  
26 facilities be constructed;

27 NOW THEREFORE, Your Memorialist the Legislature of the State  
28 of Alaska in the First Legislature, First Session assembled res-  
29 spectfully urges that the Postmaster General of the United States

construct or otherwise provide for adequate post office facilities  
at Barrow, Alaska.

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as amended