

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 present second class United States Post Office
17 was denied the use of natural gas due to its private ownership;
18 and

19 WHEREAS, the Barrow Post Office serves as the distribution
20 point for several villages and DEW line sites and naval ship con-
21 voys; and

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

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

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

1 NOT THEREFORE, Your Memorialist the Legislature of the State
2 of Alaska in the First Legislature, First Session assembled res-
3 pectfully urges that the Postmaster General of the United States
4 construct or otherwise provide for adequate post office facilities
5 at Barrow, Alaska.

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as amended in the House