

1 IN THE SENATE

BY SENATOR IRENE E. RYAN

2 SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 25

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 UNITED
7 STATES SENATE; THE HONORABLE SAM RAYBURN, SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF
8 REPRESENTATIVES; THE HONORABLE E. L. BARTLETT AND THE HONORABLE
9 ERNEST GRUENING, SENATORS FROM ALASKA; THE HONORABLE RALPH J.
10 RIVERS, REPRESENTATIVE FROM ALASKA; THE HONORABLE FRED A. SEATON,
11 SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR:

12 WHEREAS, the agricultural areas of the Kenai Peninsula have
13 been actively homesteaded for several years; and

14 WHEREAS, in recent years oil and gas leasing activities have
15 created a tremendous work load on the operations offices of the
16 Bureau of Land Management; and

17 WHEREAS, considerable delay in the issuance of homestead
18 patents has resulted from this oil and gas activity; and

19 WHEREAS, many homesteaders on the Kenai Peninsula have in
20 good faith prosecuted their entry toward final acceptable proof
21 for patent; and

22 WHEREAS, many of these homesteaders are being asked to waive
23 their mineral rights in issuance of patents on lands not classi-
24 fied as prospectively valuable for oil or gas on the date of
25 entry or final proof;

26 NOW THEREFORE, Your Memorialist respectfully urges that
27 proper legislation be passed by the 86th Congress protecting the
28 rights of homesteaders in the State of Alaska to the minerals on
29 and in those homestead lands on which entries were valid and

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substituting on the date such lands were declared prospectively
valuable for oil and gas by the Federal Government.