

1 IN THE SENATE BY SENATOR 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. BARLETT 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 and
13 the Matanuska and Susitna Valleys have been actively homesteaded
14 for several years; and

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

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

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

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

27 NOW THEREFORE, Your Memorialist respectfully urges that
28 proper legislation be passed by the 86th Congress protecting the
29 rights of homesteaders in the State of Alaska to the minerals on

1 and in those homestead lands on which entries were valid and
2 subsisting on the date such lands were declared prospectively
3 valuable for oil and gas by the Federal Government.

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