

1 IN THE SENATE

BY SENATOR METCALF

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SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 31

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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FIRST LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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TO THE HONORABLE DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED

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STATES; THE HONORABLE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE; THE HONORABLE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES; THE HONORABLE E. L.

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BARTLETT AND THE HONORABLE ERNEST GRUENING, SENATORS FROM ALASKA;

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AND THE HONORABLE RALPH RIVERS, REPRESENTATIVE FROM ALASKA:

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Your Memorialist, the Legislature of the State of Alaska in

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First Legislature, Second Session assembled, respectfully submits

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that:

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WHEREAS, the City and Port of Seward is situated on the north

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perimeter of Resurrection Bay, an ice-free, deep-water harbor

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capable of accommodating all types of ocean-going vessels through-

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out the entire year; and

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WHEREAS, the City and Port of Seward and the "Railbelt" area

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of interior Alaska have been able to utilize the services of a

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recently-constructed deep-water dock on Resurrection Bay which is

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new, modern and extensive; and

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WHEREAS, the City and Port of Seward has, for nearly 40

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years, served as the southernmost terminus of the Alaska Railroad

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which serves the interior of Alaska; and

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WHEREAS, the City and Port of Seward is located close to the

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"Great Circle Route" customarily traveled by ships and vessels

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serving the Pacific Coast and the Orient; and

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WHEREAS, the interior of Alaska possesses great quantities

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of coal and other natural resources for which no profitable

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domestic market exists;

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NOW THEREFORE, Your Memorialist urges that the Congress of the United States establish a "free port" at the City and Port of Seward whereby trade and commerce will be encouraged and an opportunity created thereby for a profitable marketing in foreign countries of Alaska's natural resources.

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