

1 IN THE HOUSE BY THE SENATE FEDERAL
RELATIONS COMMITTEE

2 SENATE CS FOR HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 34

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 FIRST LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 TO THE HONORABLE ROBERT B. ANDERSON, SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY;

6 REAR ADMIRAL CHESTER HARDING, COMMANDER, SEVENTEENTH DISTRICT,

7 U. S. COAST GUARD; THE HONORABLE E. L. BARTLETT AND THE HONORABLE

8 ERNEST GRUENING, SENATORS FROM ALASKA; AND THE HONORABLE RALPH J.

9 RIVERS, REPRESENTATIVE FROM ALASKA:

10 Your Memorialist, the Legislature of the State of Alaska in

11 Second Session assembled, respectfully submits that:

12 WHEREAS, it is agreed that at the present time it is not

13 economically feasible to undertake the dredging and stabilization

14 of the middle mouth of the Yukon River; and

15 WHEREAS, such an undertaking is more than the residents of

16 the lower Yukon area request or expect; and

17 WHEREAS, the residents of the lower Yukon area ask only

18 that the Coast Guard annually, following the spring break-up,

19 post channel markers in the middle mouth of the Yukon River so

20 that it may be utilized for commerce; and

21 WHEREAS, the use of the middle mouth of the Yukon will re-

22 sult in a decrease to the extremely high cost of freight trans-

23 portation in this area - as much as fifty dollars a ton from St.

24 Michael to the lower Yukon River delta; and

25 WHEREAS, the channel at the middle mouth of the Yukon is

26 deeper and better defined than that one now marked and used and

27 will be easier and less costly to mark than the one now in use;

28 NOW THEREFORE, Your Memorialist respectfully urges that the

29 U. S. Coast Guard mark the middle mouth of the Yukon River for

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1 navigation in time for the 1960 navigation season; the middle
2 mouth of the Yukon River is that mouth known as Kwikpak and is
3 situate approximately half way between Sheldon's Point and Kotlik
4 on the coast line. "Mark" in this case will mean "marking by"
5 the placing of numbered buoys in the river channel" and the
6 installation of a blinker light on an island situate at the mouth
7 of the said Kwikpak River.

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