

1 IN THE SENATE BY SENATORS WEISE AND COGHILL

2 SENATE MEMORIAL NO. 6

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 HUGH J. WADE, ACTING GOVERNOR OF ALASKA; THE
7 HONORABLE FRED A. SEATON, SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR; THE HONORABLE
8 JOHN FOSTER DULLES, SECRETARY OF STATE; THE HONORABLE E. L.
9 BARTLETT AND THE HONORABLE ERNEST GRUENING, SENATORS FROM ALASKA;
10 AND THE HONORABLE RALPH J. RIVERS, REPRESENTATIVE FROM ALASKA:

11 Your Memorialist, the Senate of the State of Alaska in First
12 Legislature, First Session assembled respectfully submits that:

13 WHEREAS, the Federal government negotiated a treaty with
14 Japan in 1952 which covered fishing rights in Alaskan waters; and

15 WHEREAS, this treaty and subsequent conventions has left
16 Alaskan and other American fishermen at a disadvantage due to the
17 type of fishing gear which only the Japanese use and are author-
18 ized to use; and

19 WHEREAS, Federal and state authorities have established that
20 indiscriminate Japanese fishing under the treaty has nearly de-
21 pleted the fishing runs in the Bristol Bay area of Alaska; and

22 WHEREAS, due to this depletion the U. S. Department of the
23 Interior has announced the closure of the Bristol Bay fishery to
24 commercial fishing during the 1959 season; and

25 WHEREAS, the livelihood of three thousand residents of that
26 area will now be drastically affected by the closure since fishing
27 is their main source of income;

28 NOW THEREFORE your Memorialist urges that the President of
29 the United States and the Governor of Alaska proclaim the Bristol

1 Bay area of Alaska a national disaster area and immediately
2 institute relief or public works programs for these citizens who
3 have suffered and will continue to suffer from the disastrous
4 effects of a treaty negotiated by the national government.

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