

HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 7

To the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled:

Your memorialists, the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska, do most respectfully and earnestly request that

Whereas, by the Act of Congress approved March 2, 1907, (34 Stat. at Large, pp 1232) two additional land districts for Alaska, known as the Nome and Fairbanks Districts, were established. This act provided that the Clerks of the United States District Courts at Nome and Fairbanks shall act as ex-officio Registers; and that the United States Marshals at said places shall act as ex-officio Receivers. Experience has shown that on account of the many duties of these officers, they are able to give but little attention, if any, to the duties of the Registers and Receivers. These duties are usually left to their deputies who are not experienced in land matters, and consequently the public land business is not attended to properly. This causes many complaints from the public land claimants, and in many cases causes great hardship, because the papers frequently are not filed and recorded in the proper manner, therefore be it

Resolved, by the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska; that we respectfully and earnestly petition the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress Assembled, to change the law in the matter of appointing Registers and Receivers in the land offices in the District of Alaska, so as to abolish the present method of filling those offices at Nome and Fairbanks. In lieu of the offices of the Registers and Receivers, there should be appointed under the Civil Service a qualified employee whose duty it shall be to attend to the land office matters. The position should provide for a certain salary, not less than \$3500 or \$4000 a year, and

he should be required to furnish bond the same as the Registers and Receivers now do. (Under the present method the ex-officio Registers and Receivers at Nome and Fairbanks receive such fees as are derived from public business. This is unsatisfactory and should be abolished.)

And be it further resolved, that we petition the Senate and the House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress Assembled, to establish a land office at Seward, Alaska, to include the territory now embraced within the Third Judicial Division of the District of Alaska, and

Be it lastly resolved, that a copy hereof be sent to the President of the United States, the President of the United States Senate; the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and the Commissioner of the General Land Office.

Passed the House, April 10, 1913.

Passed the Senate, April 16, 1913.

HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 8.

To the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled:

Your memorialists, the Legislative Assembly of the Territory of Alaska, respectfully represent that—

The Act of Congress approved August 24, 1912, entitled "An Act to create a Legislative Assembly in the Territory of Alaska, to confer Legislative power thereon and for other purposes" withholds the authority from this Legislature to alter, amend, modify and repeal the laws providing for taxes on business and trade in the territory (as provided in section four hundred and sixty, chapter forty-four, title two of the Act of Congress approved