

Congress of the United States provide for the establishment of one wireless station at some convenient point in each of said three valleys and that such stations, when established, be placed and remain under the management of the Signal Corps of the United States Army.

And your memorialists will ever pray.

Passed the Senate, April 22, 1913.

Passed the House, April 26, 1913.

SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 23.

To the Congress of the United States:

The Legislature of the Territory of Alaska hereby memorializes your Honorable Body, and respectfully represents:

I. That near the corporate limits of the Town of Skagway, Alaska, a wagon bridge across the Skagway river is urgently needed to serve the needs of said Town and of residents outside of the incorporate limits thereof, which bridge could be constructed at a cost of from four to five thousand dollars.

II. That the federal government has not constructed any roads or trails for the benefit and advantage of citizens in the vicinity of Skagway, although the license moneys collected from industries operated from said town and apportioned to road construction are extensive, amounting to approximately two thousand dollars annually.

III. That your memorialists have been presented with a petition asking for the construction of the bridge referred to, signed by practically all the adult male residents of said town of Skagway, and your memorialists believe that an appropriation for said work is urgently needed and should be made.

Wherefore, it is respectfully urged that this memorial

be referred to the department of the government charged with the construction of roads and bridges in Alaska, and that the construction of said bridge be authorized to be begun without delay.

Passed the Senate, April 26, 1913.

Passed the House, April 29, 1913.

SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 24.

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

We, your memorialists, the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska, do most respectfully and earnestly represent that

Whereas, the Seward Peninsula during the winter has a population of approximately five thousand people exclusive of natives; and

Whereas, the production of gold on said Peninsula since the discovery of placer deposits in 1898 has aggregated some sixty-five millions of dollars in bullion, which output gives promise of an annual increase in the future, by reason of the new method of extraction of the precious metals by means of dredges, there have been during the last three years installed, and there being now in operation, thirty seven dredges on the Peninsula, and the probability being that within five years the number of dredges will be largely increased, which dredges can commence working in May and continue until December; and

Whereas, navigation usually closes the latter part of October, by the formation of ice in Bering Sea, and does not open until the following June, by reason of which fact, for the want of properly equipped vessels to navigate through the ice fields of Bering Sea, the dredge crews are unable to leave that Northern country during the winter