

SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 8.

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

Your memorialists, the Senate and House of Representatives of the Territory of Alaska, in legislative session assembled, most respectfully represent that

The tolls and charges for the transmission of commercial messages over the United States Military Telegraph and Cable Lines in Alaska, are considered by the people of Alaska, as excessive, and thereby impose upon the people a burdensome tax, and that

It is generally understood throughout the Territory of Alaska, that the Government can, without loss or inconvenience, reduce said tolls and charges to a reasonable basis and thereby eliminate the exaction of a profit by the Government at the expense of those whose business requires them to use the government cable and telegraph lines in Alaska, and that

Your memorialists feel assured, that upon a consideration of said tolls and charges, the Congress of the United States would find the same excessive, and would afford any relief which tends to aid the further development of our Territory,

Now, therefore, we respectfully solicit your honorable bodies to take such action in the matter of the tolls and charges required to be paid for commercial messages over the United States Military Telegraph and Cable Lines in Alaska, as will most readily and in the most effective manner, afford the relief sought.

And your memorialists will ever pray.

Passed the Senate, April 8, 1913.

Passed the House, April 17, 1913.