

## SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 5.

Whereas, a disaster reaching the proportions of a national calamity has befallen the people of the Middle West, and

Whereas, we desire to render all aid in our power to a stricken and unfortunate people,

Therefore be it resolved by the Senate of the Territorial Legislature of Alaska, the House concurring:

That a joint committee, consisting of three members from each house, to be appointed by the presiding officers thereof, be created with the power and duty to immediately communicate with every town, city and village in Alaska, and secure contribution from the people of Alaska for the aid and relief of the people of the Middle West who have suffered by reason of the great calamity above mentioned.

Adopted by the Senate, March 27, 1913.

Adopted by the House, March 27, 1913.

## SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 6.

Whereas, there was created by executive order, during the very last days of the Taft administration, a reservation consisting of the entire group of the Aleutian Islands, in Alaska, for the following purposes; the propagation of fur-bearing animals, reindeer, fish and birds; and

Whereas, said group of islands are several thousand square miles in area; and

Whereas, it is our opinion that no new reservation should be created in Alaska except for strong affirmative reasons showing that such reservation would inure to the greater benefit of the people; and

Whereas, it does not appear that this reservation is necessary for the purpose mentioned above, for if such

reservation or reservations are needed at all, it would require but a very small portion of this vast area of land to cover the requirements of each separate proposition; and

Whereas, we assume that the Government of the United States is not going to take up the propagation of fur-bearing animals on a commercial basis; and

Whereas, we also assume that it is not going into any business of that kind except for the propagation and preservation of the species; and

Whereas, the reindeer project has been operated under the Department of the Interior for many years and has prospered under that management, and

Whereas, the propagation of fish requires but small areas for buildings and hatcheries near mouths of streams; and

Whereas, a very few square miles in the aggregate would cover every requirement for the purposes set forth in the executive order; and

Whereas, the Territory is so sparsely populated that birds are as well protected on the lands not reserved as they would be on government reservations; and

Whereas, all game in Alaska would be amply protected if the present game laws, which are practically under the control of the Governor of Alaska, were fully enforced.

Therefore, be it resolved, by the Senate of the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska, the House concurring, that it is the sense of this legislative body that the executive order, withdrawing this vast territory of several thousand square miles from the use of the settler and prospector, should be revoked, or at least cut down to a few square miles in favorable localities; and

Be it further resolved, that it is the sense of this body that, owing to the fact that the Tongass and Chugach Reservations are of no practical benefit to the Government of the United States as reservations and are an annoyance to the prospector, miner and settler, they like-

wise should be thrown open for the general use of the prospector, miner and settler; and

Further resolved, that the Secretary of the Territory of Alaska be instructed to forward certified copies of this resolution to the following: one to the president of the United States; one to the Secretary of the Interior; one to the Secretary of Agriculture; one to the Delegate to Congress from Alaska; one to the Honorable, the Senate of the United States, and one to the Honorable, the House of Representatives of the United States.

Adopted by the Senate, April 10, 1913.

Adopted by the House, April 22, 1913.

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#### SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 7.

Be it resolved by the Senate, the House concurring; that we do hereby, tender our sincere thanks to Walter E. Clark, Governor, and W. L. Distin, ex officio Secretary of the Territory of Alaska, for the interest they have taken in and the painstaking assistance they have given and the courtesies shown this body.

And further, that an engrossed copy of this resolution be sent to each of them.

Adopted by the Senate, April 28, 1913.

Adopted by the House, April 28, 1913.

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#### SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1

Be it resolved by the Senate of Alaska, the House concurring, that a joint committee, to consist of three members from each body be appointed by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House, respectively, to