

And for a favorable consideration of this memorial we, your memorialists, will ever pray.

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SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 14.

TO HIS EXCELLENCY, THE PRESIDENT, AND THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE UNITED STATES, IN CONGRESS ASSEMBLED:

Your memorialists, the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska, in second regular session assembled, do most respectfully and earnestly represent that:

Whereas, communication by water between the Pacific coast ports of Seattle, Tacoma and San Francisco and seaports on the southeastern and southwestern coast of Alaska is not interrupted during the entire year, and many large steamers ply the waters between these ports; and

Whereas, communication between Juneau and the towns of Tenakee, Hoonah, Killisnoo and Sitka by steamers and gasoline launches is continuous during the entire year, and

Whereas, communication between the towns of Ketchikan and Wrangell and the towns of Shakan, Craig, Tokeen, Sulzer and many other important towns on the west coast of Prince of Wales Island is also continuous throughout the entire year, and

Whereas, the building of railroads by the Government will cause many thousands of people to establish their residence in the towns of Seward, Valdez, Cordova and other towns in Southwestern Alaska, and

Whereas, the parcel post system of zones does not at the present time apply to the Territory of Alaska and the residents thereof suffer great hardships by reason of having to pay a flat rate on all parcels shipped from

the Territory to the States and also on all parcels shipped to points within the Territory, and

Whereas, should the system of zones be extended to the parts of the Territory where communication by water is not interrupted at any time of the year with a distributing point at Juneau, the Capital, whence zones shall radiate to other points above mentioned; the town of Douglas, which is three (3) miles distant from Juneau; Treadwell, three and one-half (3 1-2) miles; Thane, four (4) miles, would be within the first zone; and the towns of Haines, which is eighty-six (86) miles distant from Juneau; Skagway, one hundred six (106) miles; Petersburg, one hundred twenty (120) miles, and Wrangell, one hundred thirty-six (136) miles, would be included in the second zone; and the town of Yakutat, which is two hundred fifty (250) miles distant from Juneau, would be in the third zone; the towns of Katalla and Cordova would be within the fourth zone; the towns of Valdez and Sewadr, within the fifth zone; the towns of Kodiak, Seldovia and Knik would be in the sixth zone, with a rate per pound on parcels mailed thereto and therefrom as prescribed for similar zones within the United States, and

Whereas, at the present time the rate of postage on parcels mailed from Juneau to any of the above points is twelve (12) cents per pound, regardless of distance;

Therefore, we, your memorialists, would respectfully suggest that the system of zones as applied to the parcel post system within the United States be established in the parts of this Territory where communication by water is continuous throughout the entire year, with a distributing point at Juneau.

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