

and many other Territories in the United States have enjoyed, and that of Porto Rico and the Philippines have, of the outlying Territories.

The people of Alaska understand that the President of the United States is heartily in favor of granting the request herein set forth.

Passed the Senate, March 31, 1915.

Passed the House, April 8, 1915.

SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 4.

TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES:

Your memorialist, the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska, respectfully represents and suggests:

1. The importance of actual construction work on the government railroads in Alaska during the year 1915 to the extent of the present appropriation by Congress;

2. The serious injury and disappointment to the business interest of the Territory that would result from a delay or postponement of the construction work during the year 1915;

3. The further disappointment and injury to the large number of citizens of the United States, who, inspired by the legislation of Congress to construct Government railroads therein, have already made final preparation to come to Alaska this year to establish permanent homes in the Territory;

4. The need for immediate relief from inexcusably excessive and prohibitive freight rates, by the exhausted and suffering people in the great Yukon and Tanana river basins, certainly appeals for immediate action;

5. To encourage permanent settlers and home builders by the employment in such railroad construction work, as far as it can consistently be done without in any manner causing delay in operation, of actual residents of the Territory, preference being given to citizens of the United States or those who have declared their intention

to become such, and to such persons of foreign birth as are emigrating to the Territory to take up homesteads and become permanent settlers.

And for a favorable consideration of these suggestions your memorialist will ever pray.

Passed the Senate, March 16, 1915.

Passed the House, March 20, 1915.

SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 6.

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SECRETARY OF WAR OF THE UNITED STATES:

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

Whereas, the west coast of Prince of Wales Island, Alaska, is totally without any telegraphic communication, and

Whereas, this section comprises a very extensive area of highly developed commercial and industrial enterprise, consisting of many mines and prospects of copper, gold, barytes and other minerals; of eight large salmon canneries and the largest marble quarries on the Pacific coast; of extensive timbering and saw mill operations; and of many towns and villages having important commercial relations; and

Whereas, this very important section and these highly valuable enterprises are greatly handicapped by lack of telegraphic communication in transacting their affairs, receiving and making their extensive shipments, running into tens of thousands of tons annually, and protecting life and property,

Therefore, we, your memorialists, request that steps be taken as early as possible to establish cable or wireless stations, as may be most satisfactory and advantageous,