

ing Commission, there are employed in clerical positions numerous aliens and persons who are not naturalized citizens of the United States.

NOW, THEREFORE, we, your memorialists, respectfully ask that legislation be enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States, and regulations be adopted by the various departments of the Government, prescribing as a necessary qualification for the holding of clerical positions in the Government service in the Territory of Alaska that the employees be citizens of the United States.

BE IT RESOLVED, That a copy of this memorial be sent to the President, to the Senate and House of Representatives of the Congress of the United States, to the Delegate from Alaska, to the Secretary of the Interior, and to the Alaska Engineering Commission.

And your memorialists will ever pray.

Passed the House March 29, 1917.

Passed the Senate, April 5, 1917.

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### HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 3.

TO THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA:

The Legislature of the Territory of Alaska respectfully represents that

WHEREAS, the prime essential to the development of the vast resources of Alaska is transportation; and

WHEREAS, railroad and steamship facilities are inadequate to such development unless supplemented by a system of wagon roads and trails and Congress has recognized this fact by repeated appropriations for such purposes; and

WHEREAS, the annual appropriation for the construction of roads and trails in Alaska was not made the last session of Congress and the failure of Congress to make appropriation at this special session will not only paralyze the efforts of the Road Commission for future developments, but by preventing necessary repairs and maintenance, will result in the great deterioration of the roads already constructed, to the great loss of the Territory and of the United States; and

WHEREAS, the construction of an adequate road system in Alaska will not only open for development immense areas of mineral, coal and lands suitable for farming and cattle graz-

ing, but will afford an invaluable asset to the United States in case of war; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature of Alaska has created Territorial road commissions to supplement the work of the United States road commission and will appropriate monies to this end to the extent of its financial ability; and

WHEREAS, the Territorial road construction to be of any considerable value must be tributary to and an extension of Government construction; and

WHEREAS, the discontinuation of Governmental policy of road construction in Alaska would result in a loss to the Territory and to the United States far greater than the sum asked by the Secretary of War for maintenance and construction and would be, under the circumstances, utter folly.

NOW, THEREFORE, we, your memorialists, urgently call your attention to the situation as above presented and respectfully but earnestly represent that the sum of Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00), requested in Senate Amendment in lines 7 to 11, inclusive, on page 55 of House of Representative's Bill Number 20783, for appropriation for the construction and maintenance of roads and trails in Alaska should be allowed.

We, your memorialists, will ever pray

Passed the House, March 30, 1917.

Passed the Senate April 2, 1917.

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#### HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 4.

TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, THE UNITED STATES SENATE, AND THE UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

Your memorialists, the Senate and House of Representatives of the Territory of Alaska, most respectfully represent that:

WHEREAS, the Government of the United States is now engaged in the construction of a railroad from Seward to Fairbanks, Alaska, for the purpose of developing the resources of the Territory tributary to said railroad:

WHEREAS, several towns have been and will hereafter be established along the line of said railroad;

WHEREAS, the Act of March 12, 1914, authorizing the construction of said railroad empowers the President to with-