

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-

draw and dispose of lands belonging to the United States for townsite purposes, and the said act further provides that all funds received from the sale or other disposition of townsite lands be paid into the Treasury of the United States as other miscellaneous receipts are paid;

WHEREAS, most, if not all, of these new towns are established and located upon undeveloped land which requires large expenditures of money to make it suitable for habitation. Water supply must be furnished, streets and sidewalks constructed, as well as schoolhouses, municipal buildings and other public improvements of that nature;

WHEREAS, Congress has on many occasions by law applicable to the disposition of townsites in other portions of the United States provided that a certain portion of the funds received from the sale of townsites shall be devoted to making improvements within such towns.

NOW, THEREFORE, we respectfully urge that suitable legislation be passed requiring that at least fifty per cent of the funds received from the sale of townsites sold under the provisions of the said railroad act be devoted to making improvements within the respective towns.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy hereof be sent to the President of the United States, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the Chairman of the Committee on Territories and Public Lands of the United States Senate, and the Chairman of the Committee on Territories and Public Lands of the United States House of Representatives, the Honorable Franklin K. Lane, Secretary of the Interior, and the Delegate to Congress from Alaska.

Passed the House March 31, 1917.

Passed the Senate April 5, 1917.

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### HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 5.

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA:

Your memorialists, the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska, in the Third Regular Session thereof, duly assembled, respectfully represent; that

WHEREAS, the only feasible means of approach or access to the Territory of Alaska is by the sea; and