

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.

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

WHEREAS, the population of this Territory is rapidly increasing, and the movement of people and commerce into the Territory has more than doubled in the last ten years; and

WHEREAS, during the year 1916 there were entered at the Port of Ketchikan a total of 1,917 vessels, freight and passenger carriers; and

WHEREAS, upon said vessels, freight and passenger carriers so entering the Territory there were 27,528 passengers and the aggregate crews thereof exceeded 60,000 persons; and

WHEREAS, more vessels and greater numbers of persons are each year entering the Territory because of increased activity in the mining and fishing industry and government railroad construction; and

WHEREAS, there is no quarantine station within the Territory of Alaska, nor nearer than the Federal Quarantine Station at Diamond Point on Puget Sound, near Port Townsend, Washington, more than 600 miles distant from the port of entry for this Territory; and

WHEREAS, persons arriving in the Territory on vessels which have in their ship's companies persons affected with contagious diseases, when said vessels apply for entry into the Territory, are either held on board ship at the port or taken ashore and confined in any sort of available quarters in or near the said port, thereby endangering the health of such of the passengers as are not infected and of the community as well, or are sent back to the said Diamond Point Quarantine Station more than 600 miles distant, there to be detained until the period of infection shall have passed, thus entailing upon the passengers and crew great inconvenience, annoyance and expense as well as the added hazards of the sea; the elements and diseases not to mention the great expense thereby inflicted upon the owners of the vessels quarantined;

NOW, THEREFORE, your memorialists, the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska, respectfully prays that a suitable, adequate and proper quarantine station with all necessary wharves, buildings, quarters and equipment, paraphernalia and attendants, be established and maintained at some convenient place within the Territory of Alaska;

And your Memorialists will ever pray.

Passed the House April 10, 1917.

Passed the Senate April 17, 1917.