

HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 6.

TO THE PRESIDENT AND THE HONORABLE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES IN CONGRESS ASSEMBLED:

We, your memorialists, the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska, do most respectfully and earnestly represent that

WHEREAS, the Organic Act of the Territory of Alaska provides that the canvass of the election for members of the Legislature shall be governed by the provisions of the Act of Congress entitled "An Act providing for the election of a delegate to the House of Representatives from the Territory of Alaska," approved May 7th, 1906, and

WHEREAS, the canvass conducted under the provisions of the said act is made by the territorial canvassing board, consisting of the Governor, Surveyor General and Collector of Customs of Alaska, in Juneau, Alaska, and cannot be made until late in the month of February following the election and

WHEREAS, the Legislature convenes on the first Monday in March and it is necessary for the members-elect of the Legislature from remote parts of Alaska to start for the capitol long before the canvass can be completed and the results announced, and

WHEREAS, the returns from such remote parts do not all reach the canvassing board until shortly before the legislative session begins and the candidates have no means of determining the result of the election, except from unofficial reports, which in case of a close election, are not to be relied upon, which condition has made it necessary in more than one instance for rival candidates to make the long expensive and arduous trip from remote interior points in Alaska to the capitol, and

WHEREAS, such conditions are not unusual, but very likely to happen in every election.

NOW, THEREFORE, this Legislature petitions you and each of you to repeal that section of the act of Congress providing for the canvass of returns in the election of delegate from Alaska to the House of Representatives, approved May 7th, 1906, and to provide, by proper legislation, for a canvassing board in each judicial division of the Territory of Alaska, to which canvassing board the returns from all precincts for members of the legislature, delegate to the House of Representatives and all other officers, both local and Territorial voted for at the general election, shall be sent, to be canvassed by such board, which canvass shall be final as to the members of the legislature and

local officers, but preliminary only as to the delegate to the House of Representatives and territorial officers, and

Providing that upon the completion of said canvass by the division canvassing board, the returns be forwarded to the territorial canvassing board for a final canvass and confirmation as to the office of delegate to the House of Representatives and other territorial officers, and

And we, your Memorialists, will ever pray.

Passed by the House, April 12, 1917.

Passed by the Senate, April 18, 1917.

HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 7.

Petition to the Congress of the United States for the appropriation of sufficient funds for the establishment and maintenance of an insane asylum and sanitarium within the Territory of Alaska, for the purpose of caring for the insane of the Territory and the abolition of the present contract system at Morningside, near Portland, Oregon.

TO THE HONORABLE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES IN CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES ASSEMBLED:

Your petitioners, the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska represent as follows:

That the system now in vogue of caring for the insane of the Territory of Alaska under contract with an asylum and sanitarium located near Portland, Oregon, is productive of great harm to the unfortunate inmates of said sanitarium, and that for many years last past numerous complaints have been filed with the Legislature, with the Governor of the Territory and other Territorial officials and with various organizations in the Territory which said complaints have all been investigated from time to time and the facts set forth therein have been fully verified; that persons of unimpeachable veracity have been interviewed who have personally visited the said sanitarium and asylum and talked with many of the inmates and investigated the conditions which exist in said institution and such information has disclosed the fact that the care and treatment of the insane patients of the Territory of Alaska has been commercialized to the great detriment both physical and mental of all the insane who have been committed to said institution. It