

Senate Joint Memorials

SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 2

TO THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA IN CONGRESS AS-
SEMBLED:

Your Memorialists, the Legislative Assembly of the Territory of Alaska, respectfully represent, that

Whereas, conditions in the paper industry have constituted one of the most serious of our domestic problems during the past year, and

Whereas, recent prices of news print at New York have ranged upward of \$60.00 a ton, and experts of the Forest Service report that it is entirely practicable to manufacture news print in Alaska and deliver it to New York through the Panama Canal at a cost of not more than \$35.00 a ton, and

Whereas, There are seventy billion feet of spruce and hemlock in the National forests of Alaska, besides timber on the other public lands of Alaska. In many respects its conditions as to abundant forests of paper-making woods, water power, and direct tidewater transportation, duplicate those of Norway, the leading country of the world in its paper industry, and

Whereas, Private capital has not been enlisted to meet the needs of a larger paper supply available at fair prices, it is desirable that the Federal Government should enter the industry as a direct method of controlling the situation.

Therefore, be it resolved by the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska, that we respectfully and earnestly petition the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled to enact necessary legislation for the construction and operation of a pulp and paper factory in the Territory of Alaska, and,

Be it further resolved, that a copy hereof be sent to the President of the United States, the Secretary of Agriculture, the Secretary of Labor, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives and Delegate to Congress from the Territory of Alaska.

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