

SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 6

TO THE POSTMASTER GENERAL OF THE UNITED STATES:

The Legislature of the Territory of Alaska respectfully represent:

That the mail service as now established and operated between Juneau, Sitka and wayports, is entirely inadequate, inefficient and unsafe. This service supplies a territory with upwards of two thousand five hundred people, and the development of this country, like other parts of Alaska, is largely dependent upon proper mail service and the passenger and transportation facilities incident thereto.

The government is spending vast sums of money in the development and opening up of Alaska, and we feel that the Post Office Department should give that feature of the mail service some consideration. This service is now supplied with a gasoline boat 65 feet long, which is entirely inadequate for the purpose of mail service between Juneau, Sitka and wayports, and the length of time required between said points for the delivery of mail is unusually long, unsatisfactory, very inconvenient to the residents and business people of Sitka and way ports and entirely inadequate, for proof and substantiation of which we, your memorialists, would refer your department to the Postmaster of Juneau, Alaska, for data covering the subject of this memorial.

Wherefore, the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska respectfully and earnestly memorialize you, the Postmaster General of the United States, require the present service to be improved on said route; stipulate in a new contract that this service shall be supplied with a safe and suitable steamboat of at least 400 tons burden, and insist upon the mail being delivered on schedule.

And we, your Memorialists, will ever pray, etc.

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Passed the House May 3, 1917.

SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 7

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

We, your Memorialists of the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska, do most respectfully request that,

Whereas, there are in the Territory of Alaska very extensive and valuable oil fields, the principal of which are: (1) Katalla-Chilkat, (2) Nuchawak, (3) Yakataga, the former containing 26½ square miles; the second 4¾ square miles and the third 21¼ square miles, but in all 52½ square miles, which is only a small