

House Joint Memorials

HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 1

TO THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR:

We, your memorialists, the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska, do most respectfully represent;

That Alaska's dormant natural resources constitute the nation's greatest supply of raw materials needed in many important industries;

That there is abundant timber in the coastal regions of southern and southeastern Alaska, and that this timber is more suitable for the manufacture of wood pulp than for any other purpose;

That the citizens of the Territory of Alaska and of the United States have been ready and are ready and willing to invest their money and develop that great industry by means of our unequalled water power;

That great Forest Reserves have been established in those regions, and the arbitrary laws and regulations governing those Reserves prevent the development of the only industry that can advantageously use this timber, thereby retarding the progress and prosperity of our Territory and depriving the people of the United States of a much needed article of commerce.

NOW THEREFORE, we, the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska, in regular session assembled, most respectfully petition the Secretary of the Interior for the United States, to formulate such legislation, and promulgate such rules for the administration of our Forest Reserves as will effectually remove all hindrances to the investment of capital in the development of the wood pulp industry in the Territory of Alaska.

And your memorialists will ever pray.

Passed the House March 17, 1919.

Passed the Senate April 3, 1919.