

and test the suspected animals, and particularly the dairy herds, in the Territory of Alaska, and to act in conjunction with the Governor of the Territory, in an effort to eradicate diseased animals.

And your memorialists will ever pray.

Adopted by the House April 18, 1919.

Adopted by the Senate April 24, 1919.

HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 14

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

WHEREAS, supplemental estimates of appropriations required for the service of the fiscal year ending June 30, 1920, by the Department of Commerce, Bureau of Fisheries, as submitted to Congress by the Secretary of the Treasury, containing the following:

Miscellaneous expenses, Bureau of Fisheries—Development and improvement of the herring fisheries of Alaska; for the instruction of fishermen and packers in the best methods of curing and preserving herring, and to provide for the inspection of cured herring on the request of either packers, brokers, or dealers and with the consent of the owner thereof, under conditions to be prescribed by the Secretary of Commerce (submitted)\$25,000.00

The said estimate being prepared upon the following letter from the Secretary of Commerce to the Secretary of the Treasury.

Department of Commerce,
Office of the Secretary,
Washington, January 20, 1919.

“My Dear Mr. Secretary:

There is transmitted herewith, with the recommendation that it be submitted to Congress, an estimate in the sum of \$25,000.00 for inclusion in the estimates for “Miscellaneous expenses, Bureau of Fisheries, 1920.”

Immediately on the entrance of the United States into a state of war with Germany, the Bureau of Fisheries made arrangements to introduce into Alaska the Scotch method of curing herring to fill a deficiency created by the practical cessation of imports from Scotland, which in the pre-war period averaged about 25,000,000 pounds annually. This effort re-

sulted in a production during the current year estimated at between 10,000,000 and 12,000,000 pounds valued at approximately \$750,000.00.

The limited means available rendered it impossible to employ more than three instructors for part of the year, a number wholly incommensurate with the coast to be covered, and the result has been that a considerable part of the pack is of inferior quality owing to the lack of competent supervision and practical instruction.

The fish cured in accordance with the advice of the Agents of the Bureau of Fisheries is of the very highest quality, equal or superior to the best grade packed in Scotland, but the presence on the market of lower-grade fish packed in Alaska is likely to injure the reputation of the whole production.

This is an entirely new industry capable of large growth, but if it is to be sustained in competition with imports from Scotland, which will soon begin as a result of changed conditions incident to the cessation of warfare, it will be necessary to render it additional aid. The estimate transmitted herewith is to enable the Bureau of Fisheries to employ ten (10) instructors, more or less, in Alaska, and to establish in Seattle a voluntary inspection service which will enable either packers or buyers to have the quality of each lot of fish determined by a competent judge employed by the Government and free from bias.

Yours very truly,

WILLIAM C. REDFIED,
Secretary."

WHEREAS, the experience of the fish packers who packed herring by the Scotch Method under the supervision of instructors of the Bureau of Fisheries during the year 1918 abundantly proved that the most ready market is available for this product when properly prepared; and

WHEREAS, herring are to be found on all the coast of Alaska in great abundance; and the herring industry, if properly conducted, will become one of the great resources of the Territory, and a constant source of supply of a most desirable food fish to the United States and the world at large; and

WHEREAS, without necessary instructions in the proper method of curing and preparing herring for the market, the people of Alaska are not able to pack the herring in a manner

that will render them capable of competing with the product of the European countries; and

WHEREAS, the work of the very limited number of Government Instructors who were in Alaska during the year 1918 was in every particular beneficial and successful.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska, that we do hereby most earnestly and respectfully petition the Congress of the United States, that sufficient appropriation be made as early as possible to enable the Bureau of Fisheries to send a force of at least ten (10) inspectors to the Territory of Alaska during the year 1919, to complete the campaign of education so successfully initiated in 1918, and thus lay a foundation for what will, in the judgment of this Legislature, if properly conducted, grow into an industry fully as important and as large as the present salmon industry in Alaska, which is one of the greatest sources of food supply in the world.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy hereof be sent to the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, to the Honorable William C. Redfield, Secretary of Commerce, and the Delegate to Congress from Alaska.

Adopted by the House April 24, 1919.

Adopted by the Senate April 29, 1919.

HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 16

TO THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES IN CONGRESS ASSEMBLED, TO THE SECRETARY OF WAR, THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY AND THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR:

We, your memorialists, the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska, duly assembled in its fourth session, respectfully and earnestly represent that:

WHEREAS, the epidemic of Spanish Influenza has recently swept over Alaska, causing the death of approximately twelve hundred natives and three hundred whites, and necessitating an emergency expenditure of approximately two hundred thousand dollars by the Federal and Territorial Governments; and

WHEREAS, isolated stations like Point Barrow, Point Hope, Cape Prince of Wales, Akiak, Kakanak and other stations along the Alaska coast are without any means of com-