

construction of roads, be also made to include Alaska, notably:

The Rural Post Road Act, approved July 1, 1916.

The Federal Aid Road Act, approved July 11, 1916.

(3) That all bills now before Congress or to be presented to Congress, the purpose of which is to encourage the development of idle lands and to provide employment, farms and equipment for honorably discharged soldiers, sailors and marines of the United States, be made applicable to Alaska.

We respectfully draw to your attention that in the farming district of the Tanana Valley alone, during the year 1918, in addition to locally grown produce, there was sold in or near Fairbanks, farm and meat products to the value of \$674,970, all of which could have been provided by the farmers of the Tanana Valley had they been financially able to have caused to be cleared and planted 15,000 acres of land, in addition to that now under cultivation; and

That the Matanuska farming district, lying along the line of the Government railroad from Seward to Fairbanks, has become a decided factor in the markets of southern Alaska, but should be governmentally assisted in the preparation of farm products for foreign markets, in the finding of which the various departments could render such signal service; and

That there are many other undeveloped districts which, with timely assistance, can be made the fertile, happy homes for not only the present but future generations.

In furtherance of the ideas set forth, we, your memorialists, will ever pray.

Passed the House April 23, 1919.

Passed the Senate April 29, 1919.

HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 8

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR OF THE UNITED STATES:

We, your memorialists, the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska, in fourth regular session assembled, do most respectfully and earnestly represent that:

WHEREAS, by Executive Order, dated December 5, 1911, as amended by Executive Order, dated August 24, 1912, that certain area, known as Alaskan Reservation No. 1, and described as follows:

“Beginning at the northernmost point of Day Harbor, thence running due north to the

southerly line of Chugach National Forest; thence northwesterly along the southerly line of said Chugach National Forest to a point which is due north from the northernmost point of Aialik Bay; thence due south to said northernmost point of Aialik Bay; thence along the shoreline of Aialik Bay, Blying Sound, Resurrection Bay and Day Harbor to the point or place of beginning, together with all islands within the limits of Resurrection Bay, Blying Sound, Aialik Bay and Day Harbor,"

has been "withdrawn and reserved from all form of settlement, location, sale or entry, pending classification and in aid of proposed legislation, which, if enacted, will affect the lands so withdrawn;" and

WHEREAS, no classification was ever made, as far as is known, nor has any legislation ever been enacted, affecting the lands so withdrawn, and this area is now lying dormant and unused; and

WHEREAS, the town of Seward is located on the shores of the said Resurrection Bay, within the area above referred to, and the said town of Seward is the tide-water terminal of the Alaska Government Railroad, and

WHEREAS, none of the lands surrounding the townsite of Seward are open to entry, and cannot be used by commercial enterprises, which are desirous and anxious to locate near the town of Seward, and are prevented from so doing by reason of the above withdrawal;

THEREFORE, we, your memorialists, do most respectfully and earnestly pray that the above Executive Order be so amended, as to permit the leasing, or otherwise authorize the use of the lands, lying along the shores of the said Resurrection Bay, for commercial enterprises and purposes, under such regulations as the Secretary of the Interior may prescribe.

And for this relief, we, your memorialists, will ever pray.

Adopted by the House April 19, 1919.

Adopted by the Senate April 24, 1919.

HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 9

TO THE HONORABLE, THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ASSEMBLED:

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

WHEREAS, the exemption of aliens, both declarants and