

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.

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#### 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-

munication with the outside world, aside from the most irregular mail service; and

WHEREAS, the United States Bureau of Education has schools for Natives in practically every village along the coast, with teachers who could handle a wireless outfit along with their regular work, as is now done at the two wireless stations of Noorvik, on the Kobuk River, and at Atka, on the Aleutian Islands; and

WHEREAS, the law now prohibits an Army Surgeon from entering into a medical contract with any other Department of the Federal Government; and

WHEREAS, it is now the policy of the Federal Government to co-operate, as much as possible, in its various Departments in the development of Alaska;

NOW, THEREFORE, we, your memorialists, request that steps be taken to enact a law authorizing the War and Navy Departments to loan or transfer wireless outfits to the United States Bureau of Education and to the Territory of Alaska, at isolated stations along the Alaska coast, and to detail, when necessary, radio men to aid in the construction and repair of such stations, and thus, at a comparatively small cost prevent the spread of contagious diseases and the sufferings and loss of life on account of shipwrecks of coastwise boats not equipped with wireless outfits; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that an annual "Emergency Epidemic Appropriation" of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000.00) be provided for the United States Bureau of Education, which shall be available only for the rendering of relief and combatina epidemics of contagious diseases among the natives of Alaska and providing that after March 4th of each year this appropriation, or any balance of it remaining, shall become part of the annual appropriations for the "Education and Support of Natives of Alaska" and the "Medical Relief of Natives of Alaska," and be used for the purchase of supplies for the following year. Such an enactment would serve the double purpose of providing an economical arrangement for combating future epidemics of contagious diseases among the natives of Alaska, and when not needed or used for this purpose before March 4th, would provide a fund which would enable the Alaska Division of the Bureau of Education to arrange before July 1st for the purchase and shipment of supplies needed for its work in northwestern Alaska, thus relieving it from embarrassing delays, which in the past, have greatly interfered with the administration of this service and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a law be enacted authorizing the Army and Post Surgeons in Alaska to enter into contract with the Alaska Division of the Bureau of Education for hospital and surgical treatment of natives of Alaska at rates covering the actual cost of subsistence, drugs and dressings furnished, and nominal fees for surgical services rendered.

That a copy of this memorial be sent to the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Congress of the United States, to the Secretary of War, to the Secretary of the Navy, to the Secretary of the Interior and to the Delegate from Alaska.

Adopted by the House April 23rd, 1919.

Adopted by the Senate April 29th, 1919.

#### HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 17

PETITION TO THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES FOR THE EXTENSION OF THE PROVISIONS OF THE ACT OF CONGRESS OF FEBRUARY 23, 1917, WHICH PROVIDES FOR THE PROMOTION OF VOCATIONAL EDUCATION, TO THE TERRITORY OF ALASKA.

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

Your petitioners, the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska, represent as follows, that:

WHEREAS, the Act of Congress of February 23, 1917, entitled, "An Act to provide for the promotion of vocational education, to provide for co-operation with the States in the promotion of such education in agriculture and the trades and industries, to provide for co-operation with the States in the preparation of teachers of vocational subjects, and to appropriate money and regulate its expenditure," does not include within its terms the Territory of Alaska; and,

WHEREAS, a Bill was introduced in the House of Representatives on January 30, 1919, entitled, "A Bill to create a Department of Education, to authorize appropriations for the conduct of said Department, to authorize the appropriation of money to encourage the States in the promotion and support of education, and for other purposes," and said Bill did not apply to the Territory of Alaska; and

WHEREAS, one of the most pressing problems now confronting the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska is the