

Senate Joint Memorials

SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 1

TO THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY, THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR, AND THE SECRETARY OF LABOR OF THE UNITED STATES:

Your memorialists, the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska, in session assembled, do most respectfully represent that;

WHEREAS, the last session of Congress failed to pass the necessary legislation for continuing the construction of the Government Railway in Alaska, thus not only preventing the Alaska Engineering Commission from expanding its activities on railroad construction and operation of coal mines, but also resulting in the curtailment of all branches of its operations; and,

WHEREAS, such suspension of activities will deprive hundreds of returned and returning soldiers of opportunities for needed work and will greatly retard the development of Alaska; and,

WHEREAS, the Legislature is informed that the Secretary of Navy, under a Federal Act of Congress, has funds available for expenditure in mining and transporting coal in Alaska;

THEREFORE, Your memorialists respectfully urge that the Secretary of the Navy, the Secretary of the Interior, and the Secretary of Labor co-operate with the Alaska Engineering Commission in prospecting and developing coal mining, using as much of the funds available for such purpose as possible, to the end that the Alaska Engineering Commission may be able to use all moneys remaining in the last Federal appropriation in the upkeep and operating of railways, and to the end that all returned and returning soldiers may be provided with work.

And your memorialists will ever pray.

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