

House Joint Memorials

HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 1.

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

Your Memorialists, the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska, respectfully represent, as follows:

WHEREAS, by an act of Congress approved March 2, 1907, entitled "An act to provide for the creation of additional land districts in the District of Alaska," additional land offices were established at Nome and Fairbanks, the boundaries of which under said act were designated by the President of the United States and,

WHEREAS, there was at the time of the passage of said act but one land office in said Territory, which office was located at Juneau, and,

WHEREAS, since the date of said act other sections of the Territory of Alaska have developed, especially in southwestern Alaska, and particularly in the neighborhood of Anchorage and along the line of the government railroad which is in the heart of a rich mining and agricultural section, which section is mainly within the boundaries of the Juneau Land District and at a distance of more than one thousand miles from said office; and,

WHEREAS, many applicants for patents to mineral claims and homesteads are made by the residents and property holders of said section of Alaska, all of which business has to be done through the Land Office at Juneau aforesaid, which, by reason of the distance, involves a great expense of time and frequently of delay in completing the necessary proceedings for obtaining patent, and unusual and unnecessary expense to applicants; and,

WHEREAS, the business of said portion of the Territory of Alaska is being greatly increased by reason of the development of the coal and oil lands located in southwestern Alaska, which are at a point most distant from any of the above men-

tioned land offices in said Territory, which makes the transaction of business difficult; and

WHEREAS, the town of Anchorage, centrally located in said section on the line of the government railroad and on Cook Inlet, is accessible by both water and rail, and contains the public buildings necessary for the accommodation of a land office;

NOW, THEREFORE, we, your Memorialists, respectfully urge that a fourth land district be created in southwestern Alaska with a land office located preferably at Anchorage therein.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this Memorial be forwarded to the President of the United States, the Secretary of the Interior and to the Delegate to Congress from Alaska.

Passed the House, March 16, 1921.

Passed the Senate, March 24, 1921.

HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 2.

TO THE PRESIDENT, AND THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE UNITED STATES:

Your Memorialists, the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska in Fifth Regular Session assembled, do most respectfully and earnestly represent that

WHEREAS, the Government of the United States is justly committed to the gold standard, and

WHEREAS, the maintenance of a healthy gold mining industry is indispensable to the equitable operation of the gold standard; and

WHEREAS, the gold mining industry of the United States and of the Territory of Alaska is in deplorable straits and has decreased very rapidly, and it is necessary to provide immediate measures for relief; and

WHEREAS, the Territory of Alaska has been one of the great gold producing countries of the world, and still possesses large bodies of gold bearing quartz and vast areas of gold