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### HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 12.

TO THE PRESIDENT AND THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES:

We, your Memorialists, the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska, respectfully present to you the following facts:

1. That much of the placer mining ground in Alaska is workable only by dredging or hydraulicking, and large groups of claims must for such purpose be secured by the same owner before the expense of installing the mining machinery can be incurred.

2. That no development work on each claim is needed or of any value after the claim has been prospected, and under the present rulings of the Interior Department work done on one claim by way of extracting minerals therefrom will not for the purpose of patent proceedings be accepted as done on the group unless it can be shown to have been of value in developing each claim. This feature of the law has deterred owners from applying for patent, with the result that the Government has been deprived of funds which it otherwise would have derived from patent proceedings, and the title to much mining ground has remained unsettled.

WHEREFORE, we, your Memorialists, earnestly recommend that the law be so changed that actual work in mining of one or more placer claims in the group be accepted as performed for all the claims in the group, where such claims are so situated that they can be worked successfully only by dredging or hydraulicking.

And your Memorialists will ever pray.

Passed by the House, April 12, 1921.

Passed by the Senate, April 28, 1921.

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### HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 13.

TO THE PRESIDENT AND THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES:

We, your Memorialists, the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska, respectfully present to you the following facts:

1. That a large number of placer mining claims in Alaska are so situated that the annual labor required to be performed

upon them is of no value in the developing or prospecting of the ground, and such expenditure upon such claims is an absolute waste and serves no purpose except to technically comply with the law.

2. That after the ground has been prospected, the owners may have to delay the actual mining operations until roads are built, so that dredges or other machinery can be transported to the premises, for which reason roads are often a prerequisite to the commencement of productive mining.

NOW, THEREFORE, we, your Memorialists, respectfully recommend that owners of mining claims, in lieu of the annual labor required to be performed, be permitted to pay one hundred dollars (\$100.00) for each claim to the Clerk of the District Court in the Division wherein the claim is situated, to be by him transmitted to the Territorial Road Commission and to be by the latter expended for construction or maintenance of roads in the Recording Precinct in which the claim is situated; and we firmly believe that such change in the law will materially aid in the speedier development of many mining regions.

And your Memorialists will ever pray.

Adopted by the House, April 15, 1921.

Adopted by the Senate. April 27, 1921.

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### HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 14.

TO THE HONORABLE, THE PRESIDENT, THE SENATE,  
THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, THE SECRETARY  
OF WAR, AND THE CHIEF OF ENGINEERS OF THE  
UNITED STATES:

Your Memorialists, the Senate and House of Representatives of the Territory of Alaska, do respectfully submit the following for your consideration:

That the Alaska Road Commission, since its creation under the Act of Congress approved January 27, 1905, has constructed approximately 5,000 miles of military and post roads and trails in all sections of the Territory of Alaska;

That such construction has resulted in great benefit to the country and has aided greatly in developing the various sections of our Territory;