

HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 15.

TO THE PRESIDENT AND THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES:

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

WHEREAS, the Bureau of Mines has assigned a Federal Mine Inspector for Alaska who is instructed, in addition to his inspection duties, to examine prospects and advise prospectors as to the best and most economical methods of prospecting their ground; and

WHEREAS, this work is of prime importance to the future development of the Territory; and we believe that the work of the Federal Mine Inspector will assume such proportions in the near future that it will be impossible for him to devote any time to work other than the inspection of mines; and

WHEREAS, we further believe that, owing to the size of the Territory, the long distances to be traveled, and the inadequate transportation facilities, at least three additional mining engineers should be assigned to the Territory to assist in this work, and

WHEREAS, your attention is invited to the fact that owing to the long distance between the United States and Alaska, it is very difficult for prospectors and investors to get together, and this fact seriously hampers the development of the mineral resources of the Territory; and we believe that in many instances if the prospector could furnish a report made by these engineers as a basis for negotiations, the prospective investors would feel warranted in spending money for further investigation; and

WHEREAS, there is a large area of undeveloped mineral land tributary to the new Government railroad, and we feel that every encouragement should be given to further development of the mineral resources of this region, particularly since from this source the Government railroad must derive its tonnage; and

WHEREAS, the future development of the agricultural industry in the interior of Alaska depends entirely on the development of the mining industry;

THEREFORE, we, your Memorialists, earnestly urge that your Honorable Body appropriate sufficient funds to pay the salaries and expenses of three or more additional mining engineers to work in Alaska under the direction of the United States Bureau of Mines.

And your Memorialists will ever pray.

Adopted by the House, April 11, 1921.

Adopted by the Senate, April 12, 1921.

HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 16.

TO THE HONORABLE SECRETARY OF COMMERCE OF THE UNITED STATES:

We, your Memorialists, the Legislature of Alaska, in regular session assembled, respectfully represent:

That, as your Memorialists are informed, and verily believe, there are no aids to navigation along the coast of Bering Sea between Norton Bay and Kotzebue Sound, on said sea, a distance of some 600 miles. The waters along this coast are navigated during the summer season by numerous small craft and sundry ocean going trading and passenger, as well as freight, vessels.

That, from about the first of August to the first of November, each year, as the winter solstice approaches and the nights lengthen, the aids to navigation at important and dangerous points along this coast become a prime necessity, as during this period wrecks are numerous and many vessels are stranded and lost; lives and property are endangered and sacrificed.

Your Memorialists, therefore, earnestly urge that you cause an investigation to be made of the necessity for aids to navigation to be established along the coast aforesaid, and, if in your judgment the facts warrant it, that lights be established at Point Spencer off the entrance to Port Clarence Bay, on which is situated the Port of Teller, the point of supply for the great mining region of the Kougarok District; at Cape Darby, the entrance to Golovin Bay, over which passes all merchandise and supplies for the Council City District; at Cape Espenberg, a shoal extending out into the entrance of Kotzebue Sound, on which is situated the thriving towns of Kotzebue, Deering, Kewalik and Blossom; and at Cape Prinice of Wales, which is