

that service, that such relief could be afforded by vessels of suitable class stationed at intervals along the coast of Alaska; and therefore

Your Memorialists earnestly pray that such vessels be stationed at Ketchikan, Juneau, Cordova, Seward and Nome, to act in conjunction with, or under the Coast Guard Service, as the most efficacious and economical method for affording assistance to vessels in distress, and for succor and rescue of their crew and passengers.

And your Memorialists will ever pray.

Passed by the House, April 2, 1921.

Passed by the Senate, April 25, 1921.

HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 6.

TO THE PRESIDENT, THE CONGRESS AND THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR OF THE UNITED STATES:

We, your Memorialists, the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska, respectfully and earnestly represent that:

WHEREAS, ocean transportation between Alaska and the States during recent years has so greatly decreased in efficiency and increased in the expense to the traveling and shipping public that the industries of the Territory throughout have become paralyzed and are in danger of extinction; and

WHEREAS, the private companies now engaged in the transportation business between Alaska and the States have shown themselves either unwilling or unable to furnish those transportation facilities which are absolutely necessary to the growth of the industries of the Territory; and

WHEREAS, the high cost of transportation and the inefficiency of the present system to supply the needs of the country have so crippled the industries as to drive a large percentage of the white population out of the Territory, and threaten the industries thereof with extinction; and

WHEREAS, the financial resources of the Territory have so diminished that it will be impossible for the Territorial Legislature to raise the necessary funds locally with which to supply the needs of better transportation facilities,

NOW, THEREFORE, we, your Memorialists, earnestly pray that Federal aid may be extended to this Territory to maintain continuous and reliable routes of transportation at such cost to the public as would tend to revive the vanishing industries of the Territory.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska, that copies of this Memorial be furnished to the President and to the Congress of the United States, to the Secretary of the Interior and to the Delegate to Congress from Alaska.

And your Memorialists will ever pray.

Adopted by the House, April 2, 1921.

Adopted by the Senate, April 25, 1921.

HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 7.

TO THE HONORABLE HERBERT HOOVER, SECRETARY OF COMMERCE AND THE HONORABLE DAN. A. SUTHERLAND, DELEGATE FROM ALASKA:

We, your Memorialists, the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska, respectfully and earnestly represent:

That, while the waters contiguous to the coasts of southwestern and southeastern Alaska have received quite thorough investigation by the vessels and officers of the Bureau of Fisheries of the Department of Commerce, there still remains a great area in which competent exploration should be ordered.

It is known that a great number of valuable food fishes are found in both Bering Sea and in Kotzebue Sound and navigators have expressed their belief that there exist in these waters halibut and cod banks equal to if not greater than the known banks. It is definitely reported by the crews of trading vessels that they have caught numbers of halibut and cod far from any at present demonstrated fishing grounds.

THEREFORE, we, your Memorialists, believing that the fishing industry can be greatly enlarged, respectfully request that there be ordered to Alaskan waters a suitable vessel of the Bureau of Fisheries and that there be conducted a careful survey of the fish possibilities in the waters named above. This, we believe, can be ordered by you without any special legislative action.