

We further draw to your attention the military necessity of maintaining the lines of communication to the highest state of efficiency. We understand that plans of the military department of the United States contemplate the establishment of a base at the ice free port of Dutch Harbor, 2,000 miles north of Honolulu and the same distance from San Francisco and on the great circle sailing routes from the Pacific Coast to the Orient. That Dutch Harbor is recognized as the key-point to all the Pacific Ocean north of the equator and must be included in any military or naval plans should there be any disturbance of the peace on the Pacific, and that to connect Dutch Harbor with the military bases on the Puget Sound or San Francisco, the present cable line is the principal link in the proposed system.

That the gravity of the situation may be recognized; we, your Memorialists, will forever pray.

Adopted by the Senate, April 11, 1921.

Adopted by the House, April 12, 1921.

SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 10.

TO THE HONORABLE, THE PRESIDENT AND THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES:

We, your Memorialists, the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska, in regular session assembled do most respectfully represent that:

WHEREAS, our Government is spending over fifty million dollars in Alaska railroads, chiefly for the development of Alaska's mineral resources,

WHEREAS, from the sea terminal of said railroad to the nearest markets in the United States the distance is some twelve hundred miles by boat,

WHEREAS, for many years past it has been impossible for those mines in Alaska not under the ownership or control of some transportation or allied interest to secure dependable transportation for their ore to a smelter in the United States;

WHEREAS, such mines have no adequate protection against extortion or dishonest practices at the smelter in the United States, even if they should get transportation for their ore thereto;

WHEREAS, this condition has continued for many years and is now retarding the development of Alaska's resources, and is, in fact, industrial suppression;

WHEREAS, the United States Bureau of Mines, through its representative, has reported adversely upon the location of a smelter in Alaska;

WHEREAS, the United States Geological Survey in Bulletin 714A, by A. H. Brooks and G. C. Martin, pages 14, 56, 57, 60 call attention to the fact that the suppression of small or developing properties in Alaska is being accomplished through lack of transportation, or refusal of smelters, even in war time, to treat the ore, and that ocean and freight passenger rates have been increased and the service decreased;

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Legislature of Alaska in regular session assembled, that we, your Memorialists, respectfully request that as an emergency now exists that means be provided as quickly as possible through such agencies as the Congress may deem best to supply Alaska with adequate and dependable ocean transportation for ores and other Alaska products to market within the United States, that we indorse the efforts of Hon. Albert B. Cummins to this end, that the Federal Trade Commission be requested to investigate and report to the Congress upon smelter charges and practices at the Tacoma smelter as well as any complaints in relation thereto. And to ascertain if the mine operators in Alaska may henceforth depend upon the Tacoma smelter for treatment of such copper, gold and silver ores and concentrates as they may produce within the capacity of the smelter. To the end that ore shippers may be assured both transportation and fair and honest smelter returns as well, and may, therefore, safely develop and operate their properties. And that all Alaska products shall be assured dependable and adequate transportation to markets within the United States.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy hereof be sent to the President of the United States, the Vice President of the United States, Hon. Albert B. Cummins and the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the Secretary of the Interior, the United State Shipping Board and the Delegate from Alaska.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Alaska's Delegate to Congress is hereby requested to urge the request herein be-

fore the Congress and to do his uttermost to secure the objects of this Memorial with as little delay as possible.

Passed by the Senate, April 25, 1921.

Passed by the House, April 30, 1921.

SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 14.

TO THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES:

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

WHEREAS, under the present law one hundred dollars (\$100) worth of labor or improvements must be performed or made upon each lode or placer mining claim prior to the end of the year; and

WHEREAS, a very large percentage of all the mining claims located in Alaska are situated hundreds of miles from settled communities or supply stations, and in regions where the climatic conditions during the winter render it difficult and very expensive to secure the supplies for carrying on the operations; and

WHEREAS, if the time within which such improvements must be performed expired on or about the first day of July of each year, it would be feasible for the owners of such claims to perform the assessment work for two years at one time, by reason of the fact that the assessment work must of necessity, on account of the physical and climatic conditions, be performed in the summer season; and

WHEREAS, it is the general desire of the prospectors and miners in the Territory of Alaska that a change in the law be made, permitting the work to be done at any time before the first of July instead of before the first of January of each year;

NOW, THEREFORE, we, your Memorialists, respectfully pray that a law be passed making the change herein suggested, as far as the Territory of Alaska is concerned.

Passed by the Senate, April 28, 1921.

Passed by the House, April 29, 1921.