

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.