

The Legislature of the Territory of Alaska assembled, respectfully represent that:

The revenues derived from the fur seal rookeries of Alaska amount to more than \$2,000,000, yearly and are increasing each year.

Since the treaty of 1911 went into effect with Japan and Great Britain protecting the seal herds, nearly \$4,000,000 has accrued, leaving a large balance rightfully belonging to Alaska.

Alaska is receiving no part of the revenue derived from the fur seal islands in Alaska, to which we are entitled, the same as from our forests.

THEREFORE, your memorialists respectfully urge that twenty-five per cent of the net sum derived from the fur seal industry, and other revenues from said islands should be paid into the general fund of the Territory of Alaska for uses of the Territory, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a like percentage derived from all other resources of said Territory not now allowed or provided for, be allowed as our just share of the rightful wealth belonging to the Territory and be paid into our general fund.

Passed by the Senate, March 26, 1921.

Passed by the House, April 2, 1921.

SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 4.

TO THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
THE UNITED STATES IN THE CONGRESS ASSEMBLED
AND THE HONORABLE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR:

The Legislature of the Territory of Alaska, in regular session, respectfully represents that:

Lying along the coast of Alaska and extending from the Canadian Boundary line some 2,000 miles far out in the Eastern Hemisphere, there are hundreds of small islands unsuited to agriculture and without improvements or inhabitants, and seldom visited by any person except roaming natives and fishermen.

These islands are especially adapted for fox-farming and stock-raising and a large number of them would be devoted to that use by the inhabitants of the Territory were they able to

secure any valid possessory right to the same under the laws of the United States.

They now lie fallow and unimproved, because there is no provision of law by which they may be leased by the Secretary of the Interior under whose jurisdiction they are, and many applications have been made for leasing of the same for the purpose of raising foxes and for stock-raising purposes, but for lack of authority in the Department of the Interior such applications have been invariably refused by the Departmental authorities.

WHEREFORE, your petitioners urge that the Congress of the United States authorize the Secretary of the Interior to lease such of these islands as may be adapted for the purposes aforesaid under such terms or conditions as may seem right and just, and that the revenue therefrom be covered into the permanent school fund of the Territory of Alaska.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Secretary of the Interior, our Delegate to Congress, the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the Vice-President of the United States.

Passed by the Senate, April 15, 1921.

Passed by the House, May 2, 1921.

SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 5.

TO THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
THE UNITED STATES:

We, your memorialists, the Legislative Assembly of the Territory of Alaska, respectfully represent:

WHEREAS, that portion of the Territory of Alaska lying north of the Endicott Mountains and extending along the northern or Arctic slope of the Territory is reliably reported to contain vast beds of high grade coal and many seepages evidencing large fields of crude oil similar in character and extent to, but of greater accessibility to market than those recently discovered in Canadian Northwest Territory, and

WHEREAS, it is of great importance to the industrial welfare of the United States, that a reconnaissance or survey of these potential fields be made by competent geological experts, with a view to the future development thereof and conservation of National interests therein, and