

to estimate the cost of improving either one of these routes so as to accommodate small power launches and barges;

That the completion of the Government Railroad and the establishment by the Government of a steamship and barge service on the Yukon and Tanana Rivers have completely changed the transportation situation in the Territory and have rendered this portage of immense importance in providing access to the great Kuskokwim Valley by means of the railroad route, thereby greatly extending the very short summer working season;

That the Board of Engineers for Rivers and Harbors has notified interested parties that the report of the preliminary examination by the district engineer in Juneau, Alaska, is favorable to the extent of recommending a survey to determine the cost and advisability of the improvement, but that the Board itself is not convinced of the advisability of the United States undertaking any improvement at this locality, though it is willing to arrange for a hearing;

That a hearing is impracticable due to the remoteness of the region and to the inadequacy of existing transportation facilities;

That a survey is necessary to secure data from which a thoroughgoing study may be made to determine the cost and practicability of the best of several possible routes, the existing and prospective traffic in view of the changes and development resulting from the recent completion of the Government Railroad, and the extent to which cooperation upon the part of the Territory of Alaska or the Alaska Road Commission may be possible.

In view of these facts we respectfully request that the local district engineer be directed to make the survey and complete the report authorized by Congress.

And your memorialists will ever pray.

Passed by the House, March 17, 1923.

Passed by the Senate, March 20, 1923.

HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 3.

TO THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR:

Your memorialists, the Senate and House of Representatives of the Legislature of Alaska, respectfully present:

That at present the Bureau of Education has no training school for native Indian children located in Alaska. The need

of such an institution seems urgent. The number of native children who can be accommodated at Chemawa, Oregon, is very limited and the expense of sending them there would seem unnecessary. Moreover, a training in their home surroundings, where they are born and brought up and where they expect to live their lives, is obviously of greater advantage than a training under conditions foreign to the place where they expect to make themselves useful.

The neighborhood of the city of Wrangell, Alaska, seems to your memorialists to present the greatest advantages for the establishment and maintenance of such an institution as is here referred to. It is in the midst of mining, fishing, and of the lumber industry, and affords most excellent opportunities for training in agriculture; is one of the recognized centers and ancient headquarters of the native Indian population of South-eastern Alaska, and is located on the well frequented steamship routes, and, as such, easily accessible.

WHEREFORE, your memorialists respectfully recommend, that a native Indian training school for Indian children be established and maintained by the Bureau of Education in the neighborhood of Wrangell, Alaska.

And your memorialists will ever pray.

Passed by the House, March 17, 1923.

Passed by the Senate, March 28, 1923.

HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 5.

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

Your memorialists, the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska, in sixth regular session assembled, respectfully represent that:

WHEREAS, during the World War approximately four thousand persons, residents of Alaska, enlisted or were inducted into the military and naval service of the United States, rendering therein excellent service; and,

WHEREAS, all or nearly all of the persons so serving with the forces of the United States made sacrifices by reason of such service above and beyond any sacrifices made by those who were unable or failed to undertake such service; and,