

House Joint Resolutions

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 1.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska that the Committees of the Senate and House, on Judiciary and Federal Relations be authorized to expend the sum of Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00) for the employment of additional clerical help.

Adopted by the House, March 10, 1923.

Adopted by the Senate, March 12, 1923.

Approved: April 12, 1923.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 2.

RESOLVED, by the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska, that the Supervising Mining Engineer of the United States Bureau of Mines for Alaska be and is hereby authorized to incur an expense of not to exceed one hundred dollars (\$100.00) for the services of a stenographer in completing the preparation of the Report of the Territorial Mining Inspector.

Passed by the House, April 4, 1923.

Passed by the Senate, April 6, 1923.

Approved: April 12, 1923.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 3.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska that the Committee on Help of the House, be authorized to expend the sum of one hundred twenty-five (\$125.00) dollars for the employment of additional clerical help.

Passed by the House, April 10, 1923.

Passed by the Senate, April 11, 1923.

Approved: April 17, 1923.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 4.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska:

That it is the desire of the people of Alaska that the fur industry of the Territory bear its fair share of the tax burdens of the Territory.

WHEREAS, under the present powers granted to the Territorial Legislature it has been found impossible to enact a fair fur-tax law which could be equitably enforced, for the reason that pelts are being shipped out from the Territory partly by mail and partly by express and no reliable record is kept of the same, and over this traffic, being in its nature interstate, the Legislature of the Territory has no control.

That hereto attached and herewith submitted is a bill for an enactment which the Legislature of the Territory recommends as necessary to enable the Territory to properly and equitably tax the fur industry.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska most respectfully urge that the necessary law be enacted by Congress to enable the Territory to enforce a tax on pelts of furbearing and game animals and to that end recommend that the hereto attached bill, entitled "A Bill for an Act entitled 'An Act to regulate the shipment of pelts of fur-bearing and game animals from Alaska, and for other purposes,'" be enacted into a law.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution and attached suggested Bill be sent to the Delegate to Congress from Alaska; the Postmaster General; the Secretary of the Treasury, and to the Congress of the United States.

Passed by the House, April 18, 1923.

Passed by the Senate, April 23, 1923.

Approved: April 25, 1923.

A BILL

For an Act entitled: "An Act to regulate the shipment of pelts of fur-bearing and game animals from Alaska, and for other purposes."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA IN CONGRESS ASSEMBLED:

Section 1. That no pelt of fur-bearing animals or of game animals shall be shipped out or removed from the Territory of Alaska unless the same is first declared at a post office or a customs house in the Territory; and a permit for such shipment or removal is granted and issued as herein provided.

Section 2. Whenever a permit to ship or otherwise remove from the Territory any pelt of a fur-bearing or game animal is applied for, the postmaster or customs officer to whom the application is made shall issue the permit unless the pelt is

shipped or removed or attempted to be shipped or removed in violation of the laws of the Territory of Alaska, or is taken or acquired in violation of such laws or in violation of the laws of the United States.

Section 3. Any person shipping or removing or attempting to ship or remove from the Territory of Alaska any pelt of any fur-bearing or game animal without first having obtained a permit therefor from a postmaster or a customs officer, or who shall violate any of the rules or regulations lawfully promulgated by the Secretary of Commerce pursuant to this Act, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction shall be punished by a fine of not more than two thousand (\$2,000.00) dollars or by imprisonment for not more than six months or both in the discretion of the court.

Section 4. Any pelt of a fur-bearing or of a game animal shipped or removed from the Territory of Alaska in violation of the provisions of this Act or of the rules or regulations promulgated thereunder, shall be forfeited and shall be seized by any officer of the United States or of the Territory of Alaska thereunto authorized, and when so seized shall be sold in the manner provided by the Secretary of Commerce and the proceeds for such sale, after payment of the expenses of seizure and sale, shall be covered one-half into the treasury of the United States and the other half into the Treasury of the Territory of Alaska.

Section 5. The Secretary of Commerce shall have authority to promulgate such rules and regulations as he deems expedient for enforcing and carrying into effect the provisions of this Act.

Section 6. The Legislature of the Territory of Alaska shall have the authority and power to levy a tax on pelts of fur-bearing and game animals, and may empower customs officers and postmasters to collect any tax or license fee lawfully imposed upon such pelts or upon the business of raising fur-bearing animals or dealing in pelts within the Territory.