

settlements from Kodiak westward to Unalaska and administer such help as is necessary for their relief and future welfare in behalf of humanity.

For which we ever pray.

Adopted by the Senate, April 20, 1923.

Adopted by the House, April 26, 1923.

SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 12.

TO HON. DAN A. SUTHERLAND, DELEGATE TO CONGRESS
FROM ALASKA:

Your memorialists, the Senate and House of Representatives of the Territory of Alaska, respectfully represent:

That the most vital question of the Territory of today is cheap and efficient transportation, for without reasonable freight rates on Alaska transportation lines there is very little hope of progress in the development of territorial industries.

That in their opinion the freight rates between the shipping ports of the United States and the various ports of the Territory of Alaska is a subject that should be carefully investigated for the purpose of determining as to the equitable and just charges of such rates now charged by the Transportation companies operating in the Alaska waters.

And further to determine if possible, the practicability of the United States and the Territory of Alaska as partners engaging in the transportation business as owners or by becoming substantial stock holders in transportation lines operating on the Alaska coast and the Yukon River making connection with the Alaska Railroad thereby giving the people of the Territory the advantage of better service and cheaper freight rates as well as giving the people the feeling of security and satisfaction of knowing that the people themselves are engaged in the great enterprise of transportation upon which so much depends the future development of the resources of the Territory.

WHEREFORE, your memorialists urge that you present the transportation situation of the Territory to the President and the Congress of the United States for such relief as to Congress may seem proper.

Very respectfully submitted.

Passed by the Senate, April 21, 1923.

Passed by the House, April 26, 1923.