

Senate Joint Memorials

SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 1.

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

We, your memorialists, the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska, do most respectfully and earnestly represent that the law governing parcel post regulations do not extend to Alaska the same rates enjoyed by the States;

That all parcel post business in Alaska is covered by the 8th zone, or the highest rate, under the classification.

We believe this to be a great injustice to our business and citizens in general.

By extending the complete zoning system, our local business firms would be aided in competing with large mail order houses.

In spirit, the parcel post law as now applied to Alaska is contrary to the Constitution, guaranteeing equality to all of the people under one flag.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Senate and House of Representatives of the Territory of Alaska most earnestly pray that the general law applying to fourth class matter, covering parcel post be extended to Alaska.

Adopted by the Senate, March 20, 1923.

Adopted by the House, April 12, 1923.

SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 3.

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

We, your memorialists, the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska, do earnestly represent that;

WHEREAS, the Organic Act of the Territory of Alaska, Section 6, fixes the first Monday in March as the date for convening of the Territorial Legislature; and

WHEREAS, the date fixed in said Act conflicts with the work of the early spring season of the Territory of Alaska, causing many inconveniences to members of the Legislature;

THEREFORE, we pray the Organic Act be amended to provide for the convening of the Legislature on the first Monday in February of each second year;

For which your memorialists will forever pray.

Adopted by the Senate, March 29, 1923.

Concurred in by the House, April 5, 1923.

SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 4.

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, the Bureau of Education has no training schools for native children in the Second Division. There are several hundred native children in this locality, many of whom were left orphans by the influenza epidemic. The children are growing up under most adverse circumstances. A training in various occupations adapted to their surroundings is most urgent.

Fort Davis, an abandoned fort where there are several fine buildings, which your Memorialists are confident could be obtained from the War Department free of cost, is an advantageous location for such an institution. It is located on the coast at the mouth of Nome River, which would afford them all the opportunities of fishing and hunting.

White Mountain, on Fish River, twenty miles from Golovin Bay; and Unalakleet, at the mouth of the Unalakleet River, a tributary of Norton Bay, at both of which places are large villages of natives, are both very advantageous locations, as they are more isolated from the whites and more centrally located with reference to the reindeer ranges.

WHEREFORE, your Memorialists respectfully recommend that the native training school for Eskimo children be established and maintained by the Bureau of Education in one of these places.

And, your Memorialists will ever pray.

Passed by the Senate, March 20, 1923.

Passed by the House, April 6, 1923.