

## SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 7.

TO THE PRESIDENT AND THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES:

Your memorialists, the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska, respectfully present:

That the fur seal of Pribilof Islands constitutes one of the several natural resources of Alaska, and your memorialists believe that by reason of that fact the net revenues derived by the Federal Government from the sealing industry should in all fairness be credited to the Territory instead of to the country as a whole.

That the most destructive enemy of the fur seal at present is the orca which follows the seal herd and kills seal by the thousand.

That your memorialists believe that a bounty of one hundred (\$100) dollars paid for each orca killed would materially aid in diminishing the numbers of these destructive animals.

WHEREFORE, your memorialists respectfully urge that a bounty of not less than one hundred dollars be placed upon the orca, that such bounty be paid out of the revenues of the seal industry, and that the net profits of the Government from that industry be covered into the treasury of the Territory of Alaska.

And your memorialists will ever pray.

Adopted by the Senate, April 5, 1923.

Adopted by the House, April 13, 1923.

## SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 8.

TO THE PRESIDENT AND THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES:

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

That the fur seal of Pribilof Islands is one of the natural resources of the Territory of Alaska, and we believe that the profit from that industry should be covered into the treasury of the Territory or be otherwise devoted to developing the resources of Alaska.

Your memorialists believe that the present methods of marketing the fur seal skins from Pribilof Islands is such that

the financial returns from the industry is much below what the industry, more carefully managed, would yield.

Your memorialists believe that the cultivation, establishment and maintenance of the present system for tanning, dyeing and marketing the seal skins in question is monopolistic in character and therefore in contravention of sound governmental and economic principles, and is causing considerable loss of revenue to the Government, and to the other nations which share in the proceeds derived from the sale of such skins.

WHEREFORE, your memorialists most respectfully urge that the contract between the Government and the Foulke Fur Company of St. Louis be abrogated at the earliest possible date, and that in the future the seal skins of Pribilof Islands be sold while in a salt state in open market to the highest bidder, and that any profits of the Government from the industry be covered into the treasury of the Territory of Alaska.

We commend this memorial to your earnest consideration.

Adopted by the Senate, April 14, 1923.

Adopted by the House, April 23, 1923.

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## SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 9.

TO THE PRESIDENT AND THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES:

Your memorialists, the Senate and House of Representatives of the Alaska Legislative Assembly, respectfully show:

One of the greatest industries of Alaska is mining. To a very large extent the wealth and prosperity of the country depend upon the development of its mineral lands. At present there is doubt and confusion as to the law governing the location of placer mining claims in Alaska. An Act of Congress applicable only to Alaska was passed on August 1st, 1912, 37 Statutes at Large, 242, whereby not more than two claims in any one calendar month could be located by any one person in the Territory of Alaska. The provisions of this act were changed, or attempted to be changed, by acts of the Alaska Legislative Assembly in the years 1913 and 1915, the latter act, Chapter 10 of the Session Laws of Alaska, 1915, is still effective and some of the provisions thereof are in conflict with the Act of Congress of August 1st, 1912.

The Act of Congress of August 1st, 1912, covers subject matter upon which your memorialists are best advised as to