

House Joint Memorials

HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 1.

TO THE HONORABLE, THE POSTMASTER GENERAL:

Your memorialists, the Legislature of Alaska, respectfully and earnestly represent:

That the transportation of mail in the winter between Fairbanks, Nenana and Nome, according to regular schedule, consumes approximately thirty days, and between other points in the interior of Alaska proportionately the same length of time; that the present method of transporting mail in the winter by dog teams is extremely expensive as compared with the transportation in the summer or by aeroplanes; that the latter method has been tried in Alaska in the winter and found practical; that during the summer mail reaches Nome by steamers from Seattle, but only about once each month, and this during the busy season, when mail is most urgently needed for the proper transaction of business of that part of the Territory; that mail could be transported by aeroplane both winter and summer, between Fairbanks, Nenana and Nome, as well as between other points in the interior of the Territory, much more speedily and more regularly, and, in the winter, more cheaply, than at present.

That the diphtheria epidemic prevalent at Nome during the past winter has clearly emphasized the urgent necessity for such aeroplane mail service.

NOW, THEREFORE, your memorialists most earnestly urge that your Department take steps, as soon as possible, to provide for carrying mail upon the leading mail routes of Alaska, north and west of Fairbanks, by aeroplane, both winter and summer.

That a copy of this memorial be sent to the Hon. Dan Sutherland, Delegate from Alaska.

And your memorialists will ever pray.

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