

the Congress of the United States, to the Secretary of the Interior, and to the Delegate to Congress from Alaska.

Passed the House, April 17, 1925.

Passed the Senate, April 21, 1925.

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### HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 8.

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SECRETARY OF WAR OF THE UNITED STATES:

Your memorialist, the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska, in seventh biennial session assembled, respectfully represents:

That the mouth of the Tanana River, where it empties into the Yukon, forms a delta which is so badly cut up and divided into small channels, that it is not only difficult, but in fact dangerous for the steamers and small boats operating between Nenana and Holy Cross to traverse the route covered by them;

That the steamers "General J. W. Jacobs" and "General Jeff C. Davis," both owned and operated by the United States Government in connection with the operation of the Alaska Railroad, and a number of lesser, privately owned, craft, all of which act as feeders for the railroad, carry on a weekly mail, freight and passenger service along the said route, and in so doing are compelled to cross the mouth of the Tanana;

That no work of any sort has ever been done or attempted to deepen the channel at the mouth of the Tanana, and the same is gradually filling and becoming more shallow and difficult to enter from the Yukon, and is now at a point where before long it will be almost impossible for these steamers and other boats to continue in their work.

WHEREFORE, your memorialists respectfully petitions that immediate provision be made for the survey of the mouth of the Tanana River with a view of employing some engineering method to confine the various channels formed by the delta of the Tanana into one deep channel, to permit the safe and speedy ascent and descent of these craft from the Yukon to the Tanana and return.

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

And your memorialist will ever pray.

Passed the House, April 13, 1925.

Passed the Senate as amended, April 16, 1925.

Senate amendments concurred in by the House, April 18, 1925.

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### HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 9.

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR:

Your memorialist, the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska, in seventh biennial session assembled, respectfully represents:

That the lack of proper medical and hospital facilities in the northern and northwest sections of the Territory of Alaska has ever been a stumbling block to the development of these sections of the Territory, for people are loath to settle and make their homes where danger of sickness and accident is ever present and no relief may be expected;

That from a humanitarian standpoint, the experience of the inhabitants of Seward Peninsula and the Lower Yukon, both during the recent diphtheria epidemic at Nome and the influenza epidemic of 1919 when over 1100 lives were lost, is practically without parallel, and every precaution should be taken that it never be repeated;

That in the whole of the Second Division of Alaska there are but three physicians and surgeons, and by reason of the scattered population, the lack of necessary facilities and the high cost of living, it is difficult and in fact impossible to get physicians in private practice to locate where their services are most necessary;

That Candle is the geographical center of the northern half of Seward Peninsula, and there is at that place a fully equipped hospital building, owned by the community, which, however, is not used because there is no resident physician there; That this building and equipment has been offered to the Government for the use of such Department thereof as may maintain it;

That Fortuna Ledge is the logical center of that section of the Territory lying along the lower Yukon River, between Norton Sound and Kuskokwim Bay, which section has absolutely no medical or hospital service nearer than Nulato on the Yukon River, about 350 miles distant, or Nome, still farther away;