

for the work at hand, has grown up with the country, and has justified itself by its accomplishments; is inefficient in that it transfers direction of the work from a Board resident in the Territory, with full authority "of its own motion" to meet emergencies and to handle its business on the ground without reference to Washington, to a Department in Washington, with all the attendant delays and unbusinesslike methods that are such a conspicuous feature of the usual handling of Alaska affairs; and is uneconomical in that it recreates in Alaska the very condition it purports to relieve in the United States, by requiring the creation of at least one new organization, under a different Department, to handle only part of the work now being handled by the Alaska Road Commission, its other functions still remaining in the War Department.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska heartily endorse the work of the Alaska Road Commission and pray that it may continue to have the support of the War Department and of Congress to the end that its appropriations may continue to be increased, its powers broadened, and construction on its excellent and comprehensive program of road and trail building speeded up.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That it is the earnest desire of the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska that the Alaska Road Commission shall continue to be composed of Officers of the Corps of Engineers of the Army serving under the supervision of the War Department, and that section 301 (c) shall be stricken from S. 3445 and H. R. 9629, or any similar provision in any new legislation proposed during the next session of Congress.

And your memorialists will ever pray.

Passed by the Senate, April 14, 1925.

Passed by the House, April 21, 1925.

SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 4.

TO THE PRESIDENT, THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES, AND THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR:

Your memorialists the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska, do respectfully represent:

That the headquarters of the United States Bureau of Education, Alaska Division, is now located at Seattle, Wash-

ington, a considerable distance from the Indians and Eskimos for whose welfare it is working in the Territory of Alaska, and by reason of the distance of said headquarters from the Territory of Alaska obstacles are created to efficient and economical operations that are difficult to overcome;

That neither regular nor sufficient means of transportation are now available to reach the many outlying native settlements which are in most cases separated by great distances;

That when complications arise in the native schools and villages considerable time must necessarily elapse before the required action can be taken, and in many cases by reason of such delay suffering is caused to those involved;

That the location of said headquarters in the Territory of Alaska, your memorialists believe, would permit the officials in charge of said Bureau to keep in closer touch with all of the work being carried on by the Bureau in the Territory of Alaska, and thus enable them better to administer its affairs more efficiently and with greater benefit to the people served;

That the conditions among many of the Indians in the native settlements in the interior of Alaska are deplorable; there are Indians, men, women and children, without medical attendance and many Indian children are left to grow up without any school advantages;

That the Indian villages at Mento, Tolovana and Cross-jacket have about 15, 8 and 20 school children respectively. These villages are situated on the Tanana River about 28, 50 and 56 miles respectively down said river from the city of Nenana. These children are growing up in gross ignorance and are sadly in need of a native school as well as medical attention;

That there are United States government buildings situated in the city of Nenana, formerly occupied by the U. S. Railroad Commission but now vacated by said Commission by reason of the completion of construction of the Alaska Railroad, which buildings could be taken over by the Bureau of Education and used for native hospitals; and,

That the location in the Territory of Alaska of the Federal Bureau of Education would permit of and facilitate a fuller measure of harmonious cooperation between the Bureau of Education and the Territorial Department of Education, and thus generally better serve the cause of education for all of the people of the Territory.

WHEREFORE, your memorialists respectfully urge that the Bureau of Education, Alaska Division, now located at Seattle, Washington, be removed to some convenient location in the Territory of Alaska.

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

And your memorialists will ever pray.

Passed the Senate, April 20, 1925.

Passed the House, April 25, 1925.

SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 5.

TO THE PRESIDENT AND TO THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES:

Your memorialists, the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska, do respectfully represent:

THAT, WHEREAS, the region of the coast of what is commonly known as "Southwestern Alaska," extending on both sides of the Alaska Peninsula and the adjacent districts, is constantly increasing in economic importance by reason of the development of the fishing and other industries along this coast, and by reason of such development the traffic by shipping in this region is increasing; and,

WHEREAS, the coast described has never been properly or adequately charted and for a part of the waters along such coast the charts now in use are based upon observations made by Russian navigators several hundred years ago; and,

WHEREAS, said coast line is almost without lights, blinkers or buoys; and,

WHEREAS, by reason of lack of adequate charts and lack of lights the said coast is a veritable "graveyard of ships"; and,

WHEREAS, the waters along this coast for many months of the year are exceedingly stromy, and dense fogs are frequent.

WHEREFORE, your memorialists respectfully pray that a proper, comprehensive and adequate survey be made of the coast above described and of adjacent waters, and that said coast be properly lighted with lighthouses and blinkers.

And your memorialists will ever so pray.

Adopted by the Senate, April 24, 1925.

Concurred in by the House, April 28, 1925.