

SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 6.

TO THE HONORABLE THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR,
AND TO THE HONORABLE DAN SUTHERLAND, DELE-
GATE FROM ALASKA:

Your memorialists, the Legislature of Alaska, respectfully represent:

That parts of Annette Island set aside as a reserve for certain native tribes from British Columbia by Act of Congress approved March 3, 1891, have been found to contain valuable deposits of minerals, but that the development of such deposits into mines requires investment of large capital as well as certainty of title, and for that reason such deposits have been rendered valueless to natives as well as to whites until title can be acquired under the mining laws of the United States; that only a small part of the Island is now being used or occupied and its future development and usefulness under present conditions is hopeless.

WHEREFORE your memorialists respectfully pray that the aforementioned Act of March 3, 1891, be repealed, and Annette Island be thrown open to settlement the same as other lands in the Territory of Alaska, and that whatever premises are at present occupied by natives, be deeded to them in severalty.

Passed the Senate, April 28, 1925.

Passed the House, April 29, 1925.