

House Joint Memorials

HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 1.

TO THE PRESIDENT AND CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES:

Your memorialists, the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska in Eighth Regular Session assembled, do most respectfully represent; that

WHEREAS, the construction of roads is a necessary requirement for the proper development of Alaska; and

WHEREAS, the Fifth Alaska Territorial Legislature realizing the advantages and necessity of such improvement on Seward Peninsula, authorized the purchase of the Seward Peninsula Railroad; and

WHEREAS this Railroad, now designated as the Nome-Shelton tramway, has proven of inestimable benefit to the Southern part of Seward Peninsula; and

WHEREAS, under authority of the Act of Congress approved June 30, 1921, the Alaska Road Commission submitted a report printed in H. Doc. No. 514, 67th Cong., 4th Sess., recommending the extension of the Nome-Shelton Tramway in connection with related road and trail development on the Seward Peninsula; and

WHEREAS, H. J. Res. 60, 68th Cong., 1st Sess., authorizing the adoption of the above mentioned report, was approved by the House Committee on the Territories, passed the House by unanimous consent on January 28, 1925, but failed of passage in the Senate because it was not considered; and

WHEREAS, H. J. Res. 73, 69th Cong., 2nd Sess., in identical terms, was approved by House Committee on the Territories, passed the House on February 2, 1927, but failed of passage in the Senate because it was again not considered in the closing days of a short session.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That your memorialists most respectfully urge that Congress give the proposed extension of this Tramway their most earnest and favorable consideration; and

THEREFORE, be it further resolved that the Secretary of Alaska be instructed to send copies of this Memorial and supporting Petition to the President of the United States, the Senate and House of Representatives, to the Secretary of War, and to the Honorable Dan A. Sutherland, Delegate for Alaska.

Passed by the House, March 31, 1927.

Passed by the Senate, April 9, 1927.

HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 2.

TO THE SECRETARY OF WAR:

Your memorialists, the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska, in Eighth Biennial Session assembled, respectfully represent that the 1925 Legislature of Alaska authorized a limited sum of the Territorial road appropriation to be expended for the construction and maintenance of aviation fields, and as a result of this authorization, 26 airplane landing fields were constructed in the Territory suitable for the landing of small airplanes and that the present Legislature contemplates further authorization to provide for the construction of landing fields in the Territory. During the past biennium two aviation companies operated out of Fairbanks, Alaska, and report the following business: 269 trips totaling 95,000 aerial miles, 16 tons of express, and 415 passengers carried, estimated passenger miles 60,000. The economic benefit derived from this new method of transportation cannot easily be estimated.

The operation of airplanes across the vast unsettled regions of Alaska to isolated or remote districts, is both hazardous and difficult and therefore every existing public facility should be made available to render all possible aid, both to foster and protect this new transportation method.

Your memorialists therefore respectfully request that the free use of the government telegraph service in the Territory of Alaska be extended, to the extent that persons operating commercial or other planes may secure upon request weather reports, notify communities of the departure of a plane for such destination, receive immediate report upon arrivals thereof, and such other information as may safeguard and aid the operation of airplanes in the Territory of Alaska.