

would be entitled to redress against the United States either in a court of law or equity if the United States were suable; declaring the Alaska Railroad to be a common carrier and subject to all the laws of the United States pertaining to common carriers; that such actions may be prosecuted in the courts of Alaska, and that the judgments which may be rendered therein against the United States may be paid in the same manner as judgments rendered in the United States Court of Claims.

And your memorialists will ever pray.

Passed by the House, April 1, 1927.

Passed by the Senate, April 12, 1927.

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### HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 7.

TO THE HONORABLE SECRETARY OF WAR:

Your memorialists, the Legislature of Alaska, respectfully represent:

That Yakutat, Alaska, has a population of about two hundred and fifty individuals in the winter and about four hundred in the summer, that it has no communication by mail except through the medium of one steamer each three weeks in the summer and one steamer each month in the winter, that it has a splendid harbor where the fishing fleet from the halibut banks in the Gulf of Alaska seek shelter in every storm and where scores of fishermen are forced to lie sometimes for weeks at a time without any means of informing their families as to their safety.

NOW THEREFORE, your memorialists most respectfully urge that a radio station be established at Yakutat for public service as soon as possible.

And your memorialists will ever pray.

Passed by the House, April 8, 1927.

Passed by the Senate, April 15, 1927.

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### HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 8.

TO THE PRESIDENT AND CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES, AND TO THE WAR DEPARTMENT, WASHINGTON, D. C.:

Your memorialist, the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska, respectfully represents:

That the completion of the government highway from Skagway, Alaska, to the international boundary line at the

summit of the White Pass, will become the American terminal portion of an international highroad from that port to the highways and waterways at the headwaters of the Yukon River, and furnish an outlet of that rich mining region to that terminal; such a highway will give free access to automobiles and other vehicles to the mining regions around Atlin and White Horse, B. C. and thence down the Yukon River, via Dawson, to eastern Alaska; it will be of great benefit to Skagway, and will tend to bring the trade of the upper Yukon interior out to that American port, and will tend to increase population, prospecting and the development of mining along the upper Yukon, and around Skagway and in eastern Alaska.

That the construction of said highway, of which the government has now constructed about one-fourth part, will give American tourists quick and easy entry from Skagway over the magnificent White Pass scenic route, into the Lake Bennett, Atlin and White Horse regions, and connect the highways in those regions with the terminal at Skagway, and be of great advantage in trade to the said port of Skagway;

That the Alaska Road Commission has heretofore had control of work on said project, and ought to be allowed and authorized to complete the same; that the people of Alaska have confidence in the said Alaska Road Commission, and its ability to do good and effective road work;

Now, therefore, your memorialist respectfully petitions for the completion of the Skagway highway to the summit of White Pass, and that it be so completed by the Alaska Road Commission out of funds appropriated by the Congress of the United States for the construction of roads, trails and bridges in Alaska;

And your memorialists will ever pray.

BE IT RESOLVED that a copy of this Memorial be sent to the President of the United States, the President of the United States Senate, to the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the United States, to the Honorable Secretary of War and to the Honorable Dan Sutherland, Delegate from Alaska, Washington, D. C.

Passed by the House, April 20, 1927.

Passed by the Senate, April 25, 1927.