

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 within a short time it will be almost impossible for these steamers and other boats to continue in their work.

WHEREFORE, your memorialist 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.

And your memorialist will ever pray.

Passed the Senate, March 24, 1927.

Passed the House, March 31, 1927.

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### SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 3.

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

Your Memorialists, the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska, earnestly and respectfully represent:

That we deplore the practice of the Federal Government in farming out the Alaskan insane under a contract system in a privately owned institution. We condemn as truly wrong in principle any system that makes it possible for any one to profit by the misfortunes of those who are suffering from the terrible affliction of insanity.

We represent that the contract system is most inhuman and iniquitous, and unbecoming a civilized people.

We call attention to the fact that the Alaska Legislature has repeatedly memorialized Congress on this subject.

We believe that the insane of the Territory of Alaska should be under the direct care of the Government;

That all means known to science should be employed in an endeavor to ameliorate their suffering, and restore them to usefulness;

And that all conditions which might exist as a temptation to retard their recovery, or release, for the purpose of enriching those caring for the insane should be speedily and forever removed.

We further believe, that the present contract with the Morningside Asylum should be abrogated and that the Government should own and operate a proper institution for the care of the insane of Alaska.

And, that the location of such an institution shall be in Alaska. First: Because, as it relates to the white people, it is their chosen home. Second: As it relates to the natives, it is their ancient home; the home of their friends, relatives, language, and accustomed food.

We heartily support and endorse the commendable efforts made by Honorable George A. Parks, Governor of Alaska, the Pioneers of Alaska, and many other interested persons, in their endeavors to do away with the present evil and establish instead an institution worthy of praise.

WHEREFORE, your memorialists again ask for your earnest consideration.

Passed the Senate, March 31, 1927.

Passed the House as amended, April 15, 1927.

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#### SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 4.

TO THE HONORABLE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR:

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

That the towns of Kodiak, Eagle Harbor, Kaguyak, Old Harbor, Akhiok, Aiaktalik, Karluk, Uganak, Afognak and Ouzinkie, and other towns and villages on Kodiak Island and islands adjacent thereto, are the centers of considerable population composed of whites and Indians, and that said section is without medical and hospital facilities, that the nearest