

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

hospital to said section where suitable treatment in case of serious illness can be had, is at Anchorage, Alaska, a distance of more than three hundred miles, and the communication with said town varies from one boat each week in summer to one boat per month in winter, and by reason of said distance and the delay in transportation, it is difficult to secure medical aid in time to be of benefit.

That the town of Kodiak, on Kodiak Island, is the most important town of said locality, is the center of local transportation and is so situated as to be most accessible to the inhabitants of said section.

WHEREFORE, your memorialist respectfully prays:

That a hospital, suitably equipped, be established at said town of Kodiak, Alaska.

BE IT RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be sent by the Secretary of the Territory to the Secretary of the Interior, to the Commissioner of Education, to the Surgeon General Public Health Service, and to the Hon. Dan Sutherland, Delegate to Congress from Alaska.

Passed the Senate, April 13, 1927.

Passed the House, April 19, 1927.

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## SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 5.

TO THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES:

Your memorialists, the Representatives of the people of the Territory of Alaska in session assembled, do respectfully petition:

THAT, WHEREAS, there are certain areas of the public lands in Alaska that are adapted to the grazing of cattle and other livestock; and,

WHEREAS, the great agricultural western section of the United States was developed largely by the governmental policy of granting settlers title to the land; and

WHEREAS, a governmental policy of leasing land is not an American policy because Americans have always obtained title to the land upon which they live; and

WHEREAS, the grazing homestead act of Congress has aided in building up the old frontier of the United States and we believe will operate to stimulate the grazing industry in