

SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 8.

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

Your memorialists, the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska, do respectfully represent:

That a deplorable condition exists here in Alaska both in the interior and coastal region; and particularly in the vicinity of Juneau with reference to tuberculosis among the Native population and more especially as it affects the hospital for Natives, maintained by the U. S. Bureau of Education, Alaska Division.

We have a number of Natives each year come to the hospital at Juneau from the outlying districts and villages, who are in the active stage of tuberculosis and it is impossible with our present quarters and staff to care for them, chiefly for the reason we can not hospitalize these patients with general medical, obstetrical and surgical cases without grave danger to the latter.

Just at this time we have three cases from the village of Douglas, who are in very poor circumstances because of the recent fire and it is necessary that they be removed from the hospital. It so happens and frequently has in the past, that the relatives are not in position to care properly for these tubercular people for lack of room also for the reason of small children coming in contact with these infectious cases.

According to the Report of Vital Statistics for the biennium of 1925-1926, there was a total of 372 deaths from tuberculosis in the Territory, or about twenty per cent of the total number of deaths reported. These deaths were chiefly among the native population.

The U. S. Bureau of Education is undoubtedly doing all within their power to remedy this situation; but they seem unable to impress upon the members of Congress the importance of this condition and therefore they have never been able to obtain an appropriation to carry out their plans for hospitals for the tubercular.

And we, your memorialists, ask that Congress give this subject the consideration to which it is entitled and that sufficient funds be appropriated for use of the U. S. Bureau of Education in the construction and maintenance of one or more tubercular hospitals at Juneau, Alaska.

That a copy of the memorial be sent to the Honorable Dan Sutherland and Johnathan Wagner, Superintendent of the Bureau of Education for Alaska.

And we, your memorialists, will ever pray.

Passed the Senate, April 19, 1927.

Passed the House, May 5, 1927.

SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 9.

TO THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA:

Your memorialists, the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska, do most respectfully and earnestly represent that:

WHEREAS large portions of the Territory of Aaskla are well adapted as grazing lands for musk-oxen; and

WHEREAS musk-oxen formerly naturally inhabited Alaska but were exterminated many years ago; and

WHEREAS in those portions of Alaska suited to musk-oxen it has not yet been proven to be commercially successful to raise cattle or sheep; and

WHEREAS it appears that the raising of musk-oxen can be successfully inaugurated in the Territory in regions in which cattle and sheep raising has not been proven successful; and

WHEREAS musk-oxen are valuable for both their meat and hides, and are therefore promising substitutes for cattle and sheep;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Congress of the United States be and is hereby petitioned to pass a bill and appropriate money authorizing the introduction of musk-oxen, similar to the provisions of Senate Bill No. 4936, introduced by Senator Norbeck in the 69th Congress, 1st session.

The carrying out of the recommended work will be of great immediate and ultimate benefit to the Territory and prove to be a well paying investment.

Therefore, your memorialists respectfully urge the action recommended.

And your memorialists will ever pray.

Passed the Senate, April 22, 1927.

Passed the House April 27, 1927.