

HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 20.

TO THE HONORABLE, THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES:

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

Whereas, in view of the rapid depletion of the herring fisheries by the wasteful methods employed by those engaged in the manufacture of fertilizer from herring; and

Whereas, herring is the natural food for other fishes and is indispensable for bait purposes in other fisheries, and is also a very valuable fish for food for human consumption; and,

Therefore, we, your memorialist, respectfully memorializes the Congress of the United States to pass such legislation as will restrict the fishing for herring to that for human food and bait purposes and that herring shall not be used for the manufacture of fertilizer except such as is caught and unfit for food purposes, and that seining for herring be closed in different districts according to the spawning season, except for bait purposes, and that seining in bays and estuaries [estuaries] be prohibited, except for bait purposes.

Passed the House, April 30, 1929.

Passed the Senate, May 2, 1929.