

up to the standard of an automobile highway. The distance of seven hundred miles remaining presents no serious construction difficulties; it is estimated that a gravel-surfaced road sixteen feet wide can be built for Seven Million Dollars. A highway for automobile travel extending from Seattle to Fairbanks through the great frontiers of Canada and the United States will furnish both these countries with additional means for exploring their great undeveloped mineral wealth; it will provide an opportunity for hundreds of thousands to satisfy their ambition for auto travel through one of nature's most scenic wonderlands; it will bring prosperity to British Columbia, the Yukon Territory and Alaska; and at the same time bring rich returns both to Canada and the United States for their investment; it will be the line of travel over which, by airplane, a new and valuable commerce with Asia may be established and maintained.

And your memorialist will ever pray.

Passed the House, April 12, 1929.

Passed the Senate, April 17, 1929.

HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 8.

TO THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES:

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

WHEREAS, bills were incurred by the Eighth Session of the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska, as follows:

J. B. Burford & Co.	\$266.23
Morris Construction Co.	75.25
Alaska Electric Light & Power Co.	6.60
John Harris	15.50

For mileage due members because of a deficiency in the appropriation for this item for the 1927 Session and which is still unpaid as the Attorney General rules that S 4257 does not cover the authorization for mileage	280.70
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which are just and proper charges for services rendered and material supplied, and for which payment has not been made,

NOW, THEREFORE, your memorialist respectfully urges that these bills be given your careful consideration and that means be provided for their payment.

And your memorialist will ever pray.

Passed the House, April 17, 1929.

Passed the Senate, April 24, 1929.

HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 9.

TO THE PRESIDENT AND THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES:

Your memorialists, the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska, in Ninth Regular Session assembled, do most respectfully represent that:

WHEREAS, mining is the basic industry of the Territory of Alaska and upon which a high percentage of the population, trades and traffic of the Territory are directly or indirectly dependent; and,

WHEREAS, approximately 95 per cent of the area of Alaska is public land largely under the jurisdiction and control of the Interior Department and the development and utilization of the mineral resources within which are matters of concern and responsibility on the part of the Government of the United States, and,

WHEREAS, these vast areas of public land are not subject to taxation by the Territory of Alaska and therefor yield no revenue to the Territorial Treasury; and,

WHEREAS, there is a large area of undeveloped mineral land tributary to the Government-owned Alaska Railroad and we feel that every encouragement should be given to further the development of the mineral resources of this region, particularly since from this source the Alaska Railroad must derive its tonnage; and,

WHEREAS, the future development of the agricultural industry of the Interior of Alaska depends almost entirely on the development of the mining industry; and,

WHEREAS, it is of the utmost importance in the continued growth of the mining industry that authentic information be secured and disseminated as to the economic importance and