

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

commercial availability of the mineral resources of the Territory and as to the extent and significance of the development of such resources, and that all possible assistance be given to prospectors in their search for and development of valuable mineral substances and in making contact with prospective investors in mining prospects; and

WHEREAS, we are informed that such important mining States of the West as California and Idaho and also the Province of British Columbia in Canada, realizing the importance to their mining industries of services such as those above outlined, maintain and liberally support extensive organizations in the form of mining bureaus and departments charged with the duty of gathering such data and rendering such services and we believe such services are of equal or even greater importance in Alaska; and,

WHEREAS, during each of the past two biennia the Territory of Alaska has appropriated \$20,000 as a fund to assist in defraying the field and office expenses of mining engineers of the U. S. Bureau of Mines and Geological Survey assigned by the Interior Department to duty in Alaska for the purposes of making mining investigations, assisting prospectors, and the inspection of mines under the direction of the Supervising Mining Engineer for those bureaus in Alaska; and,

WHEREAS, from the year 1922 to July 1, 1925, the said Bureau of Mines assigned to duty in Alaska three mining engineers besides the Supervising Mining Engineer and allotted for their salaries and expenses in making such mining investigations the sum appropriated by the Congress for such work in the amount of \$22,000 per annum, as a result of which very valuable service was rendered to the mining industry of Alaska; and

WHEREAS, on July 1, 1925, the engineers and funds available for making mining investigations and conducting mine inspection in Alaska were transferred from the Bureau of Mines to the Geological Survey, since which time the appropriations and funds allotted thereunder and the personnel of engineers assigned to making mining investigations, assisting prospectors, and conducting mine inspection in Alaska from time to time have been reduced and curtailed until the sum so allotted for such work now amounts to only \$4,500 per annum and part of the services of the Supervising Mining Engineer, who has other important duties, are alone available for such work within the entire Territory, and a large part of the

funds appropriated by the Territory to assist in defraying the field and office expenses of this important work have remained unexpended on account of the removal by the Government of three engineers as above recited, and the appropriation thereof has thereby been rendered futile and of no avail; and

WHEREAS, the services of at least two additional mining engineers are urgently necessary in order to properly and effectively conduct mining investigations, assist prospectors, and conduct mine inspection in the Territory, and the Territory is willing to continue to appropriate as heretofore its proper share of the expense of such services other than salaries;

NOW, THEREFORE, we your memorialists earnestly urge your Honorable Body to appropriate sufficient funds to pay the salaries and a reasonable proportion of the expenses of two additional mining engineers and that the proper departmental executive officers be authorized and directed to assign and maintain such engineers in Alaska for the purpose of performing the duties necessary in adequately carrying on the work hereinbefore described; and that the said departmental executive officers be further authorized to cooperate with the Territory of Alaska in conducting said work.

And your Memorialists will ever pray.

Passed the House, April 18, 1929.

Passed the Senate, April 29, 1929.

HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 10.

TO THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES:

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

That there are approximately three hundred Indians living at Metlakatla, Alaska, who were born in Canada and who came to Alaska upon the invitation of the United States with Father Duncan during the year 1887; and, who, by reason of foreign birth are ineligible to citizenship under the existing laws; and,

Whereas, said Indians are well educated and splendid residents of the Territory of Alaska who have raised their children in said Territory who are actually citizens of the United States; and,