

such a road should be built is a question of expediency depending upon the cost of such undertaking;

WHEREFORE, Your memorialist requests that a survey of a public automobile road between Kasaan Bay and Klawock be made and the cost thereof estimated, and that such plans and estimates be submitted to the next Legislature.

And your memorialist will ever pray.

Passed the House, April 27, 1931.

Passed the Senate, April 28, 1931.

HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 18.

TO THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES, AND TO THE
HONORABLE JAMES WICKERSHAM, DELEGATE FROM
THE TERRITORY OF ALASKA:

Your memorialist, the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska, in tenth Regular Session assembled, does most earnestly and respectfully represent that:

WHEREAS, the Department of Commerce of the United States has for many years operated the seal fisheries of the Pribilof Islands located in this Territory, from which operation there is annually received a sum in excess a quarter of a million (\$250,000) dollars; and,

WHEREAS, the Territory of Alaska is annually expending more than Two Hundred Thousand (\$200,000) Dollars for the care and education of Indian and Eskimo wards of the Government, which said sum places an excessive burden upon the people of this Territory and one which its limited taxable resources are hardly able to bear; and,

WHEREAS, the Forestry Bureau operating in the Territory has for many years paid a certain proportion of its receipts into the common school fund of the Territory;

NOW, THEREFORE, YOUR MEMORIALIST EARNESTLY PRAYS, that a law be enacted to the effect that the Department of Commerce shall annually pay to the Territory of Alaska for the benefit of the common school funds therein, a sum equal to fifty percent (50%) of the amount received

from the share of the United States in the operations of said seal fisheries.

AND YOUR MEMORIALIST WILL EVER PRAY.

Passed the House, April 27, 1931.

Passed the Senate, April 29, 1931.

HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 19.

TO THE UNITED STATES POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT,
AND TO THE HONORABLE JAMES WICKERSHAM,

DELEGATE FROM THE TERRITORY OF ALASKA:

Your memorialist, the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska, in Tenth Regular Session assembled, does most earnestly and respectfully represent:

WHEREAS, during the past two years it has been satisfactorily demonstrated that airplanes can fly from Seattle to Juneau, the capital of Alaska, in from seven to nine hours, stopping at Ketchikan, Wrangell and Petersburg, a journey which takes the average mail boat approximately four days; and

WHEREAS, business in Southeast Alaska, which is the most populous portion of the Territory, is greatly hampered on account of the lack of speedy communication by mail between Southeast Alaska points and the States; and

WHEREAS, speedier communication, which would result from airmail service between points in Southeast Alaska and Seattle would greatly facilitate the development of the whole of Alaska, for which purpose the Government of the United States is spending large sums of money annually;

NOW, THEREFORE, your memorialist earnestly prays, that the Post Office Department establish airmail service between Juneau, Ketchikan, Wrangell and Petersburg, Alaska, and Seattle, Washington, and that the necessary contracts be let for daily service between such points.

AND YOUR MEMORIALIST WILL EVER PRAY.

Passed the House, April 25, 1931.

Passed the Senate, April 28, 1931.