

HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 9.

TO CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES:

Your memorialist, the Legislature of Alaska, respectfully represents:

That by far the greatest part of the legal business in the Territory of Alaska is transacted in the courts of the United States Commissioners, that these officials are remunerated for their services by fees paid by the litigants, that this system has proved nefarious and inadequate and so much so that in the larger number of precincts it has been found impossible to secure the services of competent men for those positions.

That your memorialist considers the present archaic system decidedly unsuited to the conditions of the Territory, and is a menace to its people.

NOW THEREFORE, Your memorialist prays that proper legislation be enacted to the end that the Commissioners appointed for the various precincts in Alaska be paid a fixed salary.

And your memorialist will ever pray.

Passed the House, April 17, 1931.

Passed the Senate, April 22, 1931.

HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 11.

TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, AND TO THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES, AND TO THE HONORABLE JAMES WICKERSHAM, DELEGATE TO CONGRESS FROM ALASKA.

The Alaska Legislature has repealed the Alaska Bone Dry Law, Chapter 53 of the Public Laws of the Sixty-fourth Congress, Second Session, (39 Stat., 903-909).

There is substantial doubt upon the question of whether the Alaska Legislature is authorized to do this.

Your memorialist represents that the action taken by the Legislature was not taken either to endorse or repudiate Prohibition, but was taken solely to promote the interest of humanity.