

ing of the railroad was commenced, and an abandonment of the plan which fostered the building of the western railroads.

The Alaska Railroad is now blessed with efficient management. The Railroad has at its head in Alaska a man who has the vision, the energy and the driving power to make the Railroad a success. But his energy will be wasted and his efforts vain if the Railroad is to be considered merely as a money making institution, and it is sternly insisted that every day shall yield its pound of flesh in revenue. If the present policy continues for any great length of time, the case of the Alaska Railroad is hopeless indeed.

WHEREFORE, your Memorialist prays that the order recently made for increasing the rates on the Alaska Railroad be set aside and that the old rates be restored or lower rates be put into effect; and that a systematic plan for the aid and development of the region adjacent to the Alaska Railroad be carried out, to the end that Alaska may be settled and developed in the same fashion as were the regions served by the great transcontinental railroads of the United States.

Passed the Senate, April 14, 1931.

Passed the House, April 18, 1931.

---

### SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 7.

TO THE SIGNAL CORPS, UNITED STATES ARMY, AND THE WASHINGTON-ALASKA MILITARY CABLE AND TELEGRAPH SYSTEM:

Your Memorialist, the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska in tenth regular session assembled, respectfully represents that:

WHEREAS, the Territory of Alaska has endeavored for many years to maintain wire telephone lines in remote sections of Alaska, under great disadvantages because of the difficulties of travel, severe weather, etc; and,

WHEREAS, it has been impracticable within the resources of the Territory to adequately maintain these long distance wire telephone lines in remote localities; and,

WHEREAS, it appears that a radio-telephone system would be economical and more efficient in maintaining communication; and,

WHEREAS, the Washington-Alaska Military Cable and Telegraph System has within its organization men trained in the science of radio communication; and,

WHEREAS, it has been reliably reported that the Washington-Alaska Military Cable and Telegraph System has announced as its present policy that no enlargement or extensions involving additional Federal expense will be approved by the system at this time; and,

WHEREAS, in the installation and operation of any radio-telephone system, the advice and assistance of the Washington-Alaska Military Cable and Telegraph System would be of the utmost service to the Territory of Alaska and should be made available to the Territory;

THEREFORE, your Memorialist prays that the Washington-Alaska Military Cable and Telegraph System will extend all possible technical advice and assistance to the Territory of Alaska in the installation and maintenance of any radio-telephone system for which the Territory may provide funds and for which the Washington-Alaska Military Cable and Telegraph System can render assistance without the expenditure of additional Federal funds.

Passed the Senate, April 21, 1931.

Passed the House, April 27, 1931.

---

### SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 8.

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

Your Memorialist, the Legislature of Alaska, respectfully represents:

That the Act of Congress of August 1, 1912 (37 Stat. 242), embraced in Sections 129a, 129b, 129c, 129d and 129e of the Compiled Laws of Alaska relating to the location of placer mining claims in the Territory of Alaska and the annual labor required thereon is retarding the proper development of the placer mining industry of said Territory and no longer serves any useful purpose.

The Legislature of Alaska has passed an Act (Senate Bill No. 59) repealing said Act of Congress, the same to be effective when approved by the Congress.