

NOW, THEREFORE, your memorialist, the Legislature of Alaska, respectfully prays that immediate steps be taken to enact emergency legislation along the lines set forth in the Depreciated Currency Bill, sometimes called the Hill Bill (H. R. 13999) to meet this condition, asking only that the competitive status prevailing prior to the injection of the depreciated currency element, be restored.

And your memorialist will ever pray.

Passed by the Senate March 9, 1933.

Passed by the House March 15, 1933.

SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 2.

TO THE SECRETARY OF COMMERCE OF THE UNITED STATES
AND TO THE HONORABLE A. J. DIMOND, DELEGATE TO
CONGRESS FROM ALASKA:

Your Memorialists respectfully show:

1. That the crab fisheries of Japan have furnished to the United States several million dollars of canned crab each year which product has been taken from the Pacific Ocean in waters adjacent to Japan and Siberia; That in recent years the depletion of the supply of crab in home waters has caused the Japanese government to send exploratory expeditions into the waters adjacent to Alaska and especially into Bering Sea where it has been determined that vast quantities of spider crabs make their habitat; That as a result of such information large ships are being sent to Bering Sea each year where hundreds of thousands of cases of crab are taken, packed and shipped to Japan and from thence to the United States, to the detriment of American labor and to the depletion of resources of this country.

II. That the present halibut and cod banks are being rapidly depleted and it is now necessary for our fishermen to go great distances to secure a catch, many in fact entering the Bering Sea; and,

III. That it is a generally known fact that there are extensive banks of halibut, cod and other food fish in the Bering Sea, Kotzebue Sound and Arctic waters, but concerning which there is no reliable data now available; and,

IV. That for many years this Legislature has petitioned your Department for an adequate survey of the fish resources of the

waters adjacent to this Territory, without result: That we believe that a properly equipped fisheries boat within a year could disclose resources of fish and shell fish sufficient in extent of value to relieve unemployment among the fishermen of Alaska which would add materially to the wealth of this Territory and of the United States of America.

WHEREFORE, WE, YOUR MEMORIALISTS, PRAY: That immediate steps be taken to secure and equip such vessel as might be appropriately used for said purpose to the end aforesaid and that a comprehensive system of exploratory work be adopted to the end that resources which rightfully belong to the United States be not exploited by foreigners but that the same be developed to the benefit of the people of Alaska and of the United States as a whole,

And your Memorialist will ever pray.

Passed by the Senate, April 6, 1933.

Passed by the House, April 19, 1933.

SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 3.

TO THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES, THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, AND THE DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR:

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

WHEREAS, there are approximately two hundred islands along the shores of Southeast and Southwest Alaska, occupied by citizens of the United States under permit from the Forestry Bureau or the Department of the Interior, and used for the purpose of the propagation of blue foxes and other fur bearing animals; and

WHEREAS, the value of the permanent improvements on the islands so leased is of a similar nature and generally equal to that required to be done by homesteaders on the main land before patent is issued; and

WHEREAS, the average annual production of blue fox pelts alone is approximately eight thousand, equal in value to a like number of beef cattle of the same age; and

WHEREAS, it is the expressed desire of the Federal Government to assist and encourage permanent settlement of the Terri-