

tory of Alaska and the system of leasing referred to has the effect of discouraging such settlement; and

WHEREAS, the Act of Congress of July 8, 1916 expressly excepts from the benefits of the Homestead Laws, islands leased or occupied for the propagation of foxes, and Congress has, in order to assist and encourage the settlement of unoccupied lands in the United States, provided for Stock Raising Homesteads of 640 acres or less by Acts of December 29, 1916, June 6, 1924 and March 3, 1925,

WHEREFORE, your Memorialist respectfully prays that the Act of Congress of July 8, 1916, be amended by striking the exception to the entry of "Islands leased or occupied for the propagation of foxes", and that the benefits under the Acts of December 29, 1916, June 6, 1924 and March 3, 1925, be extended to the Territory of Alaska.

And your Memorialist will ever pray.

Passed by the Senate, April 13, 1933.

Passed by the House, April 20, 1933.

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#### SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 4.

TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES; TO THE CONGRESS; and TO THE COMMITTEES ON LABOR IN THE HOUSE AND SENATE OF THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES:

Your Memorialist, the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska has learned with consternation that Alaska is included in the provisions of a Bill introduced into Congress of the United States, by Representative Connery, known as House Bill No. 2867; and,

Your Memorialist respectfully represents:

THAT more than ninety-five per cent of all laborers in Alaska are employed in seasonal occupations and that the average working hours for the year do not exceed four hours per day;

THAT more than twenty-five thousand of these laborers are engaged in the fishing industry covering a coastal distance of more than 3,000 miles; that fishing operations in Alaskan waters are, by regulation of the Bureau of Fisheries, arbitrarily limited to a period less than sixty days for each season which obliges the fishing industry to concentrate the year's effort within that short

period involving the production of some fifty million dollars (\$50,000,000.00) worth of fishery products; that eighty per cent or more of the revenues of the Territory are derived from the fishing industry; that many of the companies have operated at a loss for the past two years and the enactment of the proposed legislation would compel them to discontinue operations, and the Territory of Alaska would be bankrupt and unable to support its schools, dependents and indigent persons, and to continue other essential activities;

THAT more than six thousand laborers are engaged in the placer mining industry in Alaska, covering an area of 590,000 square miles; this work is also seasonal and laborers are employed not more than one hundred and twenty days during the year; most of the mining is carried on by individuals or small companies in isolated places who employ less than ten persons each and it would be impossible for them to continue mining under the proposed schedule;

THAT the remaining wage earners, not exceeding two thousand persons are engaged in lode mining and other industrial pursuits throughout this vast Territory, and their employment does not exceed an average of fifty hours per week;

THAT workmen who are engaged in seasonal vocations will be deprived, under the proposed law, of the employment to make it possible for them to sustain themselves and their dependents and will be forced to leave the Territory and seek employment elsewhere;

THAT the extension of the proposed enactment to the Territory of Alaska would be ruinous to our industries; our canneries would be compelled to cease operations; most of our mines would be closed, unemployment would be greatly increased, and our Territory reduced to a state of bankruptcy and our people to want.

NOW, THEREFORE, Your Memorialist, the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska in the eleventh regular session assembled, most humbly and respectfully petitions and prays that the Territory of Alaska be exempted from the operations of House Bill No. 2867 and all similar legislation limiting the hours or days during which any industry in Alaska may operate.

And your Memorialist will ever pray.

Passed by the Senate, April 4, 1933.

Passed by the House, April 4, 1933.