

## SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 8.

TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES, THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE and THE DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR AND TO THE DELEGATE TO CONGRESS FROM ALASKA:

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

WHEREAS, the Congress of the United States has granted the President of the United States broad powers to reorganize the Executive Department of the Government, to prevent duplication of various departments and to reduce governmental expenses; and

WHEREAS, the Alaska Game Commission of the Department of Agriculture has built up an expensive and oppressive bureau costing the tax payers of the United States more than One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) per annum, to-wit:

1931—\$ 97,450.00.

1932—\$106,209.00.

1933—\$103,566.00.

and

WHEREAS, the activities of the Alaska Game Commission have largely been and are oppressive and repugnant to a large majority of the people of the Territory of Alaska, especially since no distinction is made between commercial trappers and native Indians whose sole means of sustaining themselves is hunting, trapping and fishing. They have made unreasonable, oppressive and unenforceable regulations governing the taking and marketing of skins of fur-bearing animals resulting in large financial losses and great inconveniences to trappers and fur dealers who have all their resources invested in the fur industry; and

WHEREAS, the Alaska Game Commission has ceased to represent the views of a majority of the permanent population of the Territory.

WHEREFORE, Your Memorialist, respectfully requests,

THAT the repeal of the Alaska Game Laws and abolishment of the Alaska Game Commission be made at the earliest possible date and that the Alaska Legislature be given full authority to make and enforce Laws and Regulations not inconsistent with the General Laws of the United States and the Treaties of the United States with other Nations governing Fur and Game in Alaska and that pending such transfer of authority to the Legislature of the

Territory of Alaska the President of the United States immediately reorganize the Alaska Game Commission by appointing a new Commission, two members of which shall be men actively engaged in the Raw Fur Industry.

That native Indians be exempted from the provisions of the Alaska Game Law and its regulations to the extent that they be allowed to take game for food when in need of food for themselves and families and such fur as may be required for clothing at all times regardless of any Law Regulation.

And your Memorialist will ever pray.

Passed by the Senate, April 21, 1933.

Passed by the House, April 28, 1933.

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### SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 9.

TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES AND TO THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES AND TO THE HONORABLE A. J. DIMOND, DELEGATE TO CONGRESS FROM ALASKA AND TO THE COMMISSIONER OF INDIAN AFFAIRS:

Your memorialist, the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska in eleventh regular session assembled, do most respectfully represent that:

WHEREAS, the Vital Statistic records show that more than three times as many persons die in the Territory of Alaska from tuberculosis than from any other cause and further that practically all of the victims of the White Plague are Natives, and the 1930 census shows there are 29,983 natives in the Territory; 5,990 in the First Division, 8,686 in the Second Division, 7,298 in the Third Division, and 8,009 in the Fourth Division; and

WHEREAS, the only facilities for handling this dreaded disease among the natives as reported by the Medical Director connected with the Bureau of Indian Affairs consists of an annex to the Native hospital in Juneau, Alaska; that this institution is not nearly large enough to care for the Indian patients in this immediate vicinity, and that frequently it has been necessary to refuse admittance to many needy cases which necessitates returning these patients to their families and further exposing others and spreading the disease; that this single institution has demonstrated