

for the immediate payment of the face value of the Adjusted Service Certificates.

AND YOUR MEMORIALIST WILL EVER PRAY.

Passed by the House, February 28, 1935.

Passed by the Senate, March 8th, 1935.

HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 16.

TO THE HONORABLE THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES:

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

WHEREAS, the Territory of Alaska contains more than eighty-five billion feet of spruce and hemlock timber, especially adapted to the manufacture of paper and paper products, especially newsprint, together with ample sources of water power for the manufacture of said raw materials; and

Whereas, the major part of said timber is within the limits of Forest Reserves, the control of which is entirely with the government of the United States; and,

WHEREAS, such timber as aforesaid is sufficient to supply in perpetuity more than one-third of the demand for newsprint paper in the United States proper; and,

WHEREAS, only a small fraction of the mature timber contained within said Forest Reserves is now being utilized, hundreds of millions of feet thereof dying each year and being blown down by winds to the detriment of the standing and growing timber and to the great loss of the people of Alaska and of the United States; and,

WHEREAS, the greater part of the need for newsprint paper in the United States is now being filled by importation from Canada, Russia and the Scandinavian countries, no protection being afforded to domestic production by the tariff laws of the United States; and,

WHEREAS, a reasonable protective tariff on imports of such products would result in the development and utilization of such domestic timber with the consequent effect of the employment of large numbers of men at gainful occupation and the building up of industries and associated enterprises both in Alaska and in those parts of the United States proper where stands of timber suitable for pulp wood or newsprint are found; and,

WHEREAS, the great need of the Territory of Alaska is year around employment as distinguished from seasonal occupation afforded by the fishing industry, which at the present time employs the greater number of the inhabitants of the Territory for three or four months during the summer time; and,

WHEREAS, a bill was introduced by Senator C. C. Dill in the 73rd Congress of the United States which provided an embargo on foreign pulpwood and newsprint paper, which said bill was designed to protect and promote the development of the pulpwood industry in the United States.

NOW, THEREFORE, we, your Memorialist, pray that an act similar in object to the Dill bill be enacted to the end that the unemployed of the Territory of Alaska may through establishment of the pulp industry in this Territory be furnished gainful employment and that this Territory may be developed through the utilization of this great natural resource, which for more than twenty-five years has been so bottled up as to result in great economic loss and expense and which might otherwise, as in this Memorial outlined, be the source of employment to more than thirty thousand persons and bringing the further result of development and prosperity to this great and undeveloped Territory of the United States.

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Passed by the Senate, March 4, 1935.