

HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 17.

TO THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION, WASHINGTON, D. C.:

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

WHEREAS the Territory of Alaska is a vast Territory and the people thereof reside in small settlements, camps, mines and upon fishing vessels; and,

WHEREAS a great portion of the population of the Territory lives hundreds of miles from the main cities where the business and social life of the Territory is centered; and,

WHEREAS the medium of communication from the cities to the outlying places is inadequate; and,

WHEREAS since the year 1927 there has been operated and now is being operated a radio station at Ketchikan, Alaska, known as KGBU, on a frequency of 900 Kilocycles with a power of 500 watts; and,

WHEREAS said Radio Station has been rendering a valuable service to the people residing outside the cities and to mariners, fishermen and others at sea but is of insufficient power to cover the entire Territory of Alaska; and,

WHEREAS, the owner and operator of said radio station has, or is about to apply, for a permit to install and operate at Ketchikan, Alaska, a broadcasting station of 2500 Watts.

NOW, THEREFORE, your Memorialist, the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska, in regular session assembled, earnestly prays that the Federal Communications Commission, in acting upon the application of the owners of radio station KGBU for a license to operate a 2500 watt station at Ketchikan, Alaska, make an exception concerning the population governing the granting of licenses to stations of 2500 Watts, and that the said Federal Communications Commission issue the license applied for not exceeding 2500 watts in power.

And your Memorialist will ever pray.

Passed by the House, February 21, 1935.

Passed by the Senate February 27, 1935.