

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 3.

Whereas, for a number of years past the Congress of the United States has enacted legislation suspending the performance of annual assessment work upon unpatented mining claims, with the intent that the owners of such unpatented mining claims be relieved of making the improvements or performing the labor upon their mining locations required under the mining laws of the United States; and,

WHEREAS, the rise in the price of gold has lifted the mining industry out of the depression, the economic conditions which caused the waiving of assessment work on mineral claims has now passed; and,

WHEREAS, any postponement of assessment work abets the wholesale staking of claims and permits the retention of large holdings of mineral claims for the purpose of speculation; and

WHEREAS, the concession thus extended by Congress has, in our opinion, retarded the development of large areas of mineral lands in this Territory, and has resulted in no substantial benefit to the mining industry or to bona fide miners or prospectors, and

NOW, THEREFORE, Be it Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Territory of Alaska, in Twelfth Session assembled, that the Congress of the United States be respectfully requested to grant no further suspension of annual assessment work upon unpatented mining claims in the Territory of Alaska; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That copies of this Resolution be forwarded by mail to the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the United States, and the Delegate to Congress from Alaska.

Passed by the House, January 21, 1935.

Passed by the Senate, January 26, 1935.