

Senate Joint Memorials

SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 1.

TO THE HONORABLE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES:

Your Memorialists, the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska, in the twelfth regular session assembled, present to you the following facts:

WHEREAS, there are vast areas of agricultural and mineral lands in Alaska susceptible of development which will maintain a permanent population so necessary to the welfare of the Territory; and

WHEREAS, the lands referred to are still inaccessible and undeveloped due to the lack of vehicular roadways; and

WHEREAS, the development of the farm and mineral lands will not only tend to greatly improve the welfare of our people and promote their happiness but would be of inestimable benefit to the Government operated railroad; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Government has already extended aid to all of the States of the Union and the Territory of Hawaii for the construction of highways jointly with such states and territory; and

WHEREAS, Alaska has in the past contributed generously from its own funds in the construction and maintenance of roads; and

WHEREAS, Alaska is willing to cooperate on any equitable basis with the Federal Government in the matter of Federal aid for highways,

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, your Memorialists, believing that the general welfare of the Territory can thereby be greatly improved, earnestly pray that the Federal Aid Road Act, approved July 11, 1916 be extended to the Territory of Alaska.

And your Memorialists will ever pray.

Passed by the Senate February 1st, 1935.

Passed by the House February 13th, 1935.