

SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 2.

TO THE HONORABLE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES, THE HONORABLE SECRETARY OF WAR, THE HONORABLE ANTHONY J. DIMOND, DELEGATE TO CONGRESS FROM ALASKA:

We, your Memorialist, the Legislature of Alaska, in twelfth session assembled, respectfully represent:

That, the United States Signal Corps operated a radio telegraph system in the Territory of Alaska for many years and has rendered to the residents of Alaska valuable and consistent service; has assisted the development of mining, fishing and other industries in the Territory by making communications possible to many districts rich in mineral and other resources that would have been entirely isolated without this excellent service.

That, many radio telegraph stations heretofore operated by the United States Signal Corps have been discontinued, thereby depriving the people of this Territory of the only adequate means of communication to those places and retarding the development of mining and other industries of the Territory, also seriously hampering the operation of airplanes in the Territory, which depend upon weather reports from outlying districts for safe operation and good service.

That, the endeavor by private concerns to establish a communication system to take the place of abandoned radio telegraph service has not proven satisfactory or successful, and that the restoration of the United States radio telegraph stations in the places where they have been discontinued will greatly assist in the more rapid development of gold mining in the remote parts of Alaska; increase the output of gold and greatly increase the opportunities for the employment of labor.

Now, THEREFORE, your memorialist, the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska, respectfully prays that the United States Signal Corps radio telegraph stations that have been discontinued be again established so that the people of Alaska may have an efficient and needed means of communication and that other stations be established from time to time as the growth and development of the Territory may require;

And your memorialist will ever pray.

Adopted by the Senate February 4, 1935.

Adopted by the House February 14, 1935.