

SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 3.

TO THE GOVERNOR, THE SENATE AND ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA:

Your Memorialists, the Senate and House of Representatives of the Territory of Alaska in the twelfth session assembled, respectfully represent

That, WHEREAS, the reindeer were imported into Alaska by the Federal Government some forty years ago and that the reindeer industry now constitutes the largest branch of the livestock industry of Alaska; that it is a Federally controlled industry; that the Government has maintained experimental stations in Alaska for more than fourteen years; that, although reindeer is not included in the Federal Meat Inspection Act, reindeer meat is permitted to move interstate; that the State of California is the only state in the Union that bars this product; that the Federal Bureaus of Animal Industry and Biological Survey, Department of Agriculture hold as follows:

"Reindeer are not included in the Federal meat inspection act, but reindeer meat may be received into the United States and be shipped interstate, and when marked for identification may be received and handled as such in Federally inspected plants. It may also be used in the preparation of United States inspected and passed meat and meat-food products when such articles are appropriately labeled.

The Government has maintained experimental stations in Alaska and keeps in touch with the main herds of reindeer. No contagious disease has ever been encountered, and no reason has appeared why the sale or use of reindeer meat should require Federal, State, or municipal health inspection for the detection of disease. However, State or municipal inspection may be appropriate to determine whether the reindeer meat may have become spoiled due to improper storage or handling. The reindeer has for many centuries been a domesticated animal and not subject to game laws."

That, WHEREAS, the Federal Specifications Board, Washington, D. C., has approved and passed (April 4, 1933) Federal Specifications for reindeer meat, the general requirements of which specifications are as follows:

"D-1. Shall be fresh, frozen (except Type VI) as called for in invitation for bids. Shall be handled and delivered under the same sanitary conditions as govern the handling and movements of similar products, and under the sanction of the Bureau of Biological Survey, Department of Agriculture, and amenable to United States food and drugs act. When commercially trimmed, each carcass shall weigh not less than 100 pounds nor more than 170 pounds."

And, WHEREAS, the California Meat Inspection Act, Section Six, provides:

"No dressed carcasses of animals intended for food purposes, parts thereof, meats or meat food products shall be sold or offered for sale within the State of California unless the same shall bear the "Inspected and passed" stamp of an establishment operating under federal inspection, state inspection, or approved municipal inspection.

The foregoing provisions of this section shall be effective on and after April 1, 1932, in all counties having a population of twenty-seven thousand or over."

which prohibits the sale of reindeer in the larger centers of California,

WHEREFORE, your Memorialists pray that the Senate and Assembly of the State of California amend Section Six of the California Meat Inspection Act to specifically exempt reindeer meat from said section.

And your Memorialists will ever pray.

Passed by the Senate January 25, 1935.

Passed by the House February 5, 1935.