

Senate Memorials

SENATE MEMORIAL NO. 1.

The Senate of the Territorial Legislature in its Twelfth Session assembled respectfully represents:

WHEREAS the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska has for many years appropriated three-fourths of the cost of the maintenance and operation of the Nome Public School, and

WHEREAS this present Legislature has appropriated \$10,000.00 additional to enable the City of Nome, which was laid destitute by the disastrous fire of last September, to continue its public school for the next two years, and

WHEREAS the present Territorial Legislature in addition to the two sums named above has appropriated \$25,000.00 to enable the said City of Nome to construct and equip a new one hundred thousand dollar school building, and

WHEREAS it has been brought to the attention of the Territorial Senate that there are certain instruments on file in the Territorial Auditor's office and in the office of the Commissioner of Education which show that the present elected School Board of the City of Nome has prescribed a certain religious qualification for its teachers, and

WHEREAS this action of the school board is unjust and Un-American, and savors of bigotry, and

WHEREAS the Territorial Senate for Alaska disapproves of the religious qualification established by the Nome School Board and wishes to request the City Council of the City of Nome to correct this grievous mistake of injecting religious qualifications for teachers into our public schools,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be mailed at once to the Mayor of Nome and to the City Clerk of Nome so that these officials may advise the Common Council of Nome of the indiscreet action of its Public School Board, and so that

this body can take such action in the premises as said council may elect.

Approved by the Senate March 9, 1935.