

House Joint Memorials

HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 1

TO THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES AND THE HONORABLE SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR:

Your Memorialist, the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska in regular session assembled, respectfully represents:

That the Government of the Government of the United States has expended more than fifty million dollars in the construction of a railway from Seward to Fairbanks, Alaska and,

That the railway was expected to serve as an arterial transportation unit to derive its revenue from so-called feeder highways originating at the railway tracks and,

That it was known and believed at the time the railway was constructed that large areas of undeveloped mineral lands existed within the convenient reach of said railway and,

That it was contemplated at that time to build highways tributary to said railway to encourage the development of the resources and justify the construction of said railway and,

That the Government of the United States subsequently established a farm colony at Palmer on said railway for the purpose of developing the arable lands in that vicinity and establishing a permanent population along said railway and,

That said colony is a success and will prove to be a credit to Alaska and evidence of the wisdom of Congress and,

That the future prosperity of said colony is directly dependent upon more people to consume its products and,

That those people must of necessity be those who are engaged in other industries, rather than those who may till the soil and become at least independent of the Palmer colonists if not actually competitors and,

That such other industries are restricted to the development of the mineral lands together with the incidental and related activities and,

That the area east of the Matanuska valley for a distance of one hundred and fifty miles is known to be favorable for gold and other metalliferous deposits and,

That the area is now inaccessible from the railway for any kind of vehicular traffic and,

That a road from the Matanuska Government colony at Palmer to Copper Center on the Richardson highway would pass directly through the area referred to and open it up to miners and prospectors and,

That the miners and prospectors would contribute toward the prosperity of the colony at Palmer and to the railway and its other communities and,

That there are no unusual or insuperable conditions existing that would render highway construction either difficult or expensive

NOW, THEREFORE, your Memorialist, the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska, respectfully urges that immediate steps be taken toward the construction of said highway.

AND YOUR MEMORIALIST WILL EVER PRAY.

Passed by the House, February 2, 1937.

Passed by the Senate, February 9, 1937.

HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 2

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

Your Memorialist, the Legislature of Alaska, respectfully represents: That there was passed by the Congress of the United States and approved on March 27th. 1934, an Act contained in Bill H. R. No. 5745, entitled: "An Act granting abandoned public buildings and grounds at Sitka, Alaska, to the Territory of Alaska, and for other purposes;" and that said act was passed for the purpose of transferring from the United States to the Territory of Alaska title to a certain tract of land at Sitka, Alaska, to be used by the Territory as a home for aged, sick and infirm pioneers and residents thereof, a portion of which said tract was