

HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 11

TO THE HONORABLE THE CONGRESS
OF THE UNITED STATES:

Your Memorialist, the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska, respectfully represents that:

WHEREAS, the Territory of Alaska contains more than ninety billion feet of spruce and hemlock timber, especially adapted to the manufacture of paper and paper products, especially newsprint, together with ample sources of water power for the manufacture of said raw material; and

WHEREAS, the major part of said timber is within the limits of Forest Reserves, the control of which is entirely with the Government of the United States; and

WHEREAS, such timber as aforesaid is sufficient to supply in perpetuity more than one third of the demand for newsprint paper in the United States proper; and

WHEREAS, only a small fraction of the mature timber contained within said Forest Reserves is now being utilized, hundreds of millions of feet thereof dying each year and being blown down by winds to the detriment of the standing and growing timber and to the great loss of the people of Alaska and of the United States; and

WHEREAS, the greater part of the needs for newsprint paper in the United States is now being filled by importation from Canada, Russia and the Scandinavian countries, no protection being afforded to domestic production by the tariff laws of the United States; and

WHEREAS, a reasonable protective tariff on imports of such products would result in the development and utilization of such domestic timber with the consequent effect of the employment of large numbers of men at gainful occupation and the building up of industries and associated enterprises both in Alaska and in those parts of the United States proper where stands of timber suitable for pulp wood or newsprint are found; and

WHEREAS, the great need of the Territory of Alaska is year round employment as distinguished from seasonal occupation afforded by the fishing industry, which at the present time employs the greater number of the inhabitants of the Territory for three or four months during the summer time; and

WHEREAS, a Bill was introduced by Senator C. C. Dill in the 73d Congress of the United States which provided an embargo on foreign pulpwood and newsprint paper, and there is now a Bill (H. R. 1548) by Delegate Dimond before Congress which is designed to protect and promote the development of the pulpwood industry in the United States;

NOW, THEREFORE, your Memorialist prays that an Act similar in object to the Dill Bill be enacted to the end that the unemployed of the Territory of Alaska may through establishment of the pulp industry in this Territory be furnished gainful employment and that this Territory may be developed through the utilization of this great natural resource.

AND YOUR MEMORIALIST WILL EVER PRAY.

Passed by the House, February 4, 1937.

Passed by the Senate, February 19, 1937.

HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 12

TO THE TERRITORIAL BOARD OF ROAD COMMISSIONERS
FOR THE TERRITORY OF ALASKA:

Your Memorialist, the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska in the thirteenth regular session assembled, respectfully submits that:

WHEREAS, the production of gold in the Second Division of Alaska is consistently and steadily increasing and,

WHEREAS, the search for gold is more intensive now than it has been for many years and,

WHEREAS, mining development requires and deserves the building of new roads and the extension of existing roads and,

WHEREAS, most of the roads that serve various mining and prospecting operations are short and inexpensive to build and,

WHEREAS, the present operations on Iron Creek about fifty (50) miles from Nome, are not now served by any road and,

WHEREAS, operators on upper Iron Creek are now obliged to transport their supplies from the Nome-Shelton tram to Amer-