

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.

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## 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

formerly owned and occupied by the United States as a marine and military reserve;

That when said Act was passed it described and included, in addition to the marine and military reserve intended to be transferred to the Territory, a tract partly of tidelands which had been occupied, claimed, possessed and used by the Sitka Cold Storage Company, a corporation organized under the laws of Alaska, and its predecessors in interest continuously since the year 1913, and which tract is still occupied, possessed and claimed by the Sitka Cold Storage Company, with a large cold storage plant and facilities for the marketing and freezing of fresh fish, and which plant was erected more than twenty years ago, and upon which the Sitka Cold Storage Company and its predecessor have expended upwards of \$150,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the portion of the tract described in H. R. No. 5745 and the Act aforesaid approved March 27, 1934, which is claimed, occupied, used and possessed by the Sitka Cold Storage Plant, is not necessary for the Territory of Alaska, and has never been claimed nor occupied by it; and

WHEREAS, the Sitka Cold Storage Company is the main industry in Sitka, and of great importance to the people of Sitka and vicinity in the marketing of fish, which is the chief resource of the Territory; and

WHEREAS, the portion of said tract of land described in H. R. No. 5745 which is not occupied nor used by the Territory of Alaska and will not be occupied nor used by it, but is occupied, used, possessed and claimed by the Sitka Cold Storage Company, is described as follows:

"Beginning at Corner No. 1, identical with Corner No. 1 'U. S. Forest Service Reserve,' and also with Corner No. 4, 'U. S. Reserve for Public Common,' as shown on the 'PLAT OF SITKA TOWNSITE, ALASKA, U. S. SURVEY NO. 1474, Tract 'A', from which point USRLM NO. 1, established in connection with the Sitka Townsite U. S. Survey No. 1474, marked by a cross 'X' and 'USRLM No. 1' chiseled on a large bed rock face in the Indian School yard, bears N. 11° 02' E. 293.8 ft. distant, and the S. E. Corner of the Sitka Cold Storage Company building 'A' bears N. 29° 35' W. 3.5 ft., thence N. 1° 04' W. 4.2 ft. to corner No. 2 on the west side line of an unnamed street called hereinafter 'Waterfront Street,' from which cor. the S. E. Cor. of said Sitka Cold Storage Company building 'A' bears S. 60° 00' W. 1.5 ft. thence N. 29° 35' W. 90.0 ft. along the west side line of said 'Waterfront Street' and parallel to and 1.5 ft. E. therefrom the east end of

said Sitka Cold Storage Company building 'A' to Cor. No. 3 from which cor. the N. E. cor. of said building bears S. 60° 00' W. 1.5 ft. dist., thence N. 38° 51' W. 50.22 ft., along the west side line of said 'Waterfront Street' to Cor. No. 4, a point on the N. W. Boundary line of said U. S. Sur. No. 1474 Tract 'A', identical with the N. W. Boundary line of said 'U. S. Reserve for Public Common' and the N. W. Boundary line of said 'Pioneers Home Tract'; from which cor. the N. E. cor. of the 'Harbor Store' building, same being property of the Sitka Cold Storage Company; bears S. 31° 06' E. 16.5 ft. dist., thence S. 35° 00' W. 36.50 ft., along and identical with said N. W. boundary (13-14) line of said U. S. Sur. No. 1474 Tract 'A'; N. W. boundary (7-6) line, 'U. S. Reserve for Public Common,' and N. W. boundary line 'Pioneers Home Tract' to Cor. No. 5; meander cor. at line of mean high tide on east shore of Sitka Harbor, identical with Cor. No. 14, M. C. said 'U. S. Survey No. 1474 Tract 'A', and Cor. No. 6 M. C. said 'U. S. Reserve for Public Common and with a meander cor. of said 'Pioneers Home Tract,' thence with MEANDERS, along the east shore of Sitka Harbor, identical with the meander line of said U. S. Sur. No. 1474 Tract 'A'; of said 'U. S. Reserve for Public Common'; and of said 'Pioneers Home Tract'; under the said 'Harbor Store' building, and the Sitka Cold Storage Company building 'A'; S. 37° 19' E. 57.09 ft.,; S. 20° 23' W. 43.43 ft., S. 82° 56' W. 31.56 ft., S. 70° 07' W. 29.00 ft., S. 15° 51' E. 19.37 ft., S. 2° 51' E. 36.17 ft., S. 76° 51' E. 14.59 ft., to Cor. No. 6, meander cor., identical with Cor. No. 5 M. C. of said 'U. S. Reserve for Public Common,' and with Cor. No. 5, M. C. of said 'U. S. Forest Service Reserve,' and with cor. of the said 'Pioneers Home Tract'; thence No. 60° 00' E. 132.44 ft. along the 5-1 boundary line of the said 'U. S. Forest Service Reserve,' identical with the 5-4 boundary line of the said 'U. S. Reserve for Public Common,' and a boundary of the said 'Pioneers Home Tract,' and parallel to, and 3.5 ft. south of the south side of the Sitka Cold Storage Company building 'A' to Cor. No. 1, the place of beginning, containing 0.472 acres;" and

WHEREAS, the whole of said tract is included in the description contained in said H. R. No. 5745 approved March 27, 1934, which said Act contains a provision in Section 2 prohibiting the Territory of Alaska from selling or otherwise disposing of any part of said property, including the portion which has been for over twenty-three years claimed, occupied, possessed and used by the Sitka Cold Storage Company and its predecessor, and the title to which said tract should be confirmed in the Sitka Cold Storage Company;

NOW, THEREFORE, your Memorialist respectfully prays that H. R. No. 5745, approved March 27, 1934, be amended so as to permit the Territory of Alaska to transfer, deed and convey to the Sitka Cold Storage Company, a corporation, that portion of the land described in H. R. No. 5745, which is hereinabove described and which is claimed, occupied, possessed and used by the Sitka Cold Storage Company.

AND YOUR MEMORIALST WILL EVER PRAY.

Passed by the House, February 25, 1937.

Passed by the Senate, March 5, 1937.

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### HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 3

TO THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES:

Your Memorialist, the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska in its Thirteenth Regular Session assembled respectfully represents:

WHEREAS, by the action of the Government in Washington the price of gold has been advanced from twenty dollars and sixty-seven cents to thirty-five dollars per fine ounce, and,

WHEREAS, such increase in the price of gold has reflected increased production and a more intensive search for gold in Alaska, and,

WHEREAS, large areas of gold bearing gravel are known to exist in the Forty Mile District, about two hundred miles east of the city of Fairbanks, and

WHEREAS, new discoveries of gold bearing lodes have been discovered in the valley of the Goodpaster River, about one hundred and twenty miles east of the City of Fairbanks, and

WHEREAS, successful mining operations today depend upon the use of modern equipment that must be transported overland and no roads exist into the districts referred to over which such equipment can be transported, and

WHEREAS, a road constructed to serve the areas referred to would be tributary to and contribute to the support of the Government built and operated railroad terminating at Fairbanks, and