

HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 45

TO THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE,
FORESTRY SERVICE, TONGASS NATIONAL FOREST:

Your Memorialist, the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska, in Thirteenth Regular Session assembled, does most respectfully represent that:

WHEREAS, the U. S. Forestry Service, Tongass National Forest, about ten years ago, at Ketchikan, Alaska, constructed a trail known as the Deer Mountain Trail; and,

WHEREAS, the said trail is now in a poor and unfit condition to serve the purposes for which it was constructed; and,

WHEREAS, the said trail is a valuable asset to the Ketchikan District and serves a useful purpose to said community;

NOW, THEREFORE, your Memorialist, the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska, most respectfully petitions the United States Department of Agriculture and the Tongass National Forest officials to repair and rehabilitate the said trail in order that the same may be continued in use so that it will serve the residents of said Community of Ketchikan, Alaska.

AND YOUR MEMORIALIST WILL EVER PRAY.

Passed by the House, February 27, 1937.

Passed by the Senate, March 4, 1937.

HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 46

TO THE HONORABLE JAMES A. FARLEY, POSTMASTER
GENERAL OF THE UNITED STATES, AND TO THE HONORABLE
ANTHONY J. DIMOND, DELEGATE TO CONGRESS
FROM ALASKA:

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

WHEREAS, on July 1, 1933, all employees of the custodial service, in charge of the Federal Buildings for the Territory of Alaska, were transferred from the jurisdiction of the Treasury

Department to the jurisdiction of the Postoffice Department; and

WHEREAS, the salaries or wages paid employees of this service are as follows:

Assistant Custodian	\$168.88 per month
Eng.-m (Electrician)	125.46 per month
Fire-m Watchman	106.16 per month
Elevator-conductor	106.16 per month
Telephone Operator	101.32 per month
Laborer, unskilled	96.50 per month
Charwoman, unskilled50 per hour

and no provision has been made for increases of salaries or changes in status; and

WHEREAS, it is apparent that the compensation paid, as stated above, is not sufficient remuneration for the services rendered; and

WHEREAS, such employees in the Territory of Alaska, because of the isolated location of the Territory and the smaller size of the cities of Alaska, must possess themselves of a greater knowledge of the necessities of their positions, since in the event of accidents, they are called upon to perform services and make improvements that could be provided in the larger cities by outside help. In other words, on many occasions, repairs must be made to elevators, heating plant, etc., or carpenter work, that would, under other circumstances, be done by outside help on contract; and

WHEREAS, the cost of living, and living conditions generally, in Alaska, require that a higher wage be paid than would be paid where living conditions were cheaper; and

WHEREAS, it has been the custom of Federal Departments in the Territory of Alaska, to give increases in salaries, to any help transferred from the States to Alaska. In many cases, these increases are at least fifty per cent, and the said increases have been based upon the recognized increased cost of living and it is believed that a similar differential should exist for employees of the Custodial Service;

NOW, THEREFORE, your Memorialist, the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska, respectfully asks, and urges, that the Post-office Department take the necessary steps to provide a higher rate of pay for these employees, with a minimum of One Hundred and Twenty-five Dollars (\$125.00) per month; and that a differ-

ential of Twenty-five per cent over salaries paid at Seattle, Washington, be given to employees of this Service operating in the Territory of Alaska.

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

WHEREAS, the Federal and Territorial Building at Juneau, Alaska, in which is housed the office of both the Federal and Territorial governments, is at the present time, much overcrowded, in that all available space for office has been taken and it has been necessary to use the Grand Jury room for office space; the Legislative Committee Rooms and the Chambers of the Legislature are occupied during the entire year; and it has been lately necessary to partition a portion of the corridors in order to make room available; and

WHEREAS, it has become necessary for some activities of the Federal Government and the Territorial Government to rent quarters outside of the Building; and

WHEREAS, the passage of what is known as the Social Security Law by the Federal Government, and its acceptance by the Territorial Government, will add materially to the space required, indicating that additional space will be necessary to care for the Regional Disbursing Office of the Treasury Department, the United States Treasury Accounting Office, the Office of the Social Security Board, the Office of the Internal Revenue Collector, and the Office of the Federal Housing Administration, all of which are Federal Government activities; and additional space is needed for the Offices of the Territorial Treasurer, the Commissioner of Education, the Commissioner of Mines, the Museum,