

WHEREAS, said Bonnifield mining district is located about fifty miles from the Town of Nenana, Alaska, on the Tanana River and the Alaska Railroad; and

WHEREAS, the development of said Bonnifield mining district would greatly benefit the Town of Nenana and the Alaska Railroad and the mining population of the Territory of Alaska;

NOW, THEREFORE, your Memorialist respectfully urges that the construction of a road leading from Nenana, Alaska to the said Bonnifield mining district be included in the road program for 1937.

AND YOUR MEMORIALIST WILL EVER PRAY.

Passed by the Senate, February 23, 1937.

Passed by the House, February 25, 1937.

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## SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 12

TO THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES:

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

WHEREAS, the Organic Act of the Territory of Alaska, provides as follows: "No divorce shall be granted by the Legislature nor shall any divorce granted by the Courts of the Territory unless the applicant therefor shall have resided in the Territory for two years next preceding the application—"; and

WHEREAS, the people of Alaska through their Legislature are qualified to govern their own affairs and have from time to time requested from the Federal Government, removal of restrictions of the Legislative power imposed by said Organic Act, and when additional power has been granted, have demonstrated their ability to govern themselves; and

WHEREAS, the subject of divorce laws is a matter of local concern; and

WHEREAS, the two years residence requirement now imposed by the Organic Act is an unreasonable one on account of the transitory nature of residence in the Territory, and much greater than most of the States;

NOW, THEREFORE, your Memorialist, the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska, most respectfully petitions the Congress of the United States to so amend the Organic Act of Congress to enable the Legislature of Alaska to prescribe the length of residence for applicants in divorce proceedings in the Courts of Alaska.

AND YOUR MEMORIALIST WILL EVER PRAY.

Passed by the Senate, February 27, 1937.

Passed by the House, March 9, 1937.

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### SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 13

TO THE HONORABLE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES:

Your Memorialist, the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska in the Thirteenth Regular Session assembled, respectfully presents; that

WHEREAS, under the Organic Act of this Territory, its Legislature is denied authority to alter, amend, modify, or repeal the laws in force at the time of the approval of said Act, (August 24, 1912), providing for taxes on business, occupation, and trades, and that on account of such inhibition, the Territorial Legislature is unable to correct manifest injustice suffered by many who, under said laws, are required to pay license taxes disproportionate to the amount of volume of business transacted by them;

NOW, THEREFORE, your Memorialist, the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska, respectfully prays that the Organic Act of Alaska be amended by repealing that portion thereof in Section 24, Title 48 U. S. C. which denies authority to the Territorial Legislature to alter, amend, modify, or repeal the law heretofore, and now in force fixing the amount of license taxes on business, trades and occupations.

AND YOUR MEMORIALIST WILL EVER PRAY.

Passed by the Senate, March 3, 1937.

Passed by the House, March 8, 1937.