

# House Concurrent Resolutions

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## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1.

WHEREAS, The Alaska Fisheries constitute the chief industry of the Territory of Alaska, produce the greatest wealth and revenue to the Territory and directly affect the lives and fortune of a great portion of Alaska's population; and,

WHEREAS, Because of the Alaskan Organic Act and the White Act enacted by the Congress of the United States, prohibit the Territorial Legislature from enacting legislation with respect to Alaska's Fisheries, the residents of Alaska have absolutely no voice concerning either the administration of the fisheries or in the selection of those persons charged with their administration and regulation; and,

WHEREAS, The Bureau of Fisheries Officials have arrogated to themselves autocratic and dictatorial power over the fisheries which is not contemplated by the said laws, to the detriment and irreparable injury of Alaska and her fisheries, and has caused intense and unnecessary privation and suffering among the fishing population and business people of Alaska; and,

WHEREAS, The unjustifiable and discriminatory policy employed by the Bureau of Fisheries Officials with respect to said fisheries has developed and created a huge monopoly of the said fisheries and has caused the duly elected representatives of the people to have well founded and grave doubts as to the integrity and fairness of the Bureau Officials; and,

WHEREAS, In order to correct the evils and wrongs to which our people have been subjected on account of the mal-administration of our fisheries by the Bureau of Fisheries Officials, it is imperative and positively necessary that a thorough investigation be made at once of the Bureau of Fisheries and its administration, by a Committee of Congress of the United States, acting in conjunction with a committee of the Alaska Legislature; and,

WHEREAS, In order to facilitate such congressional investigation and to insure a fair, impartial and complete hearing for all interested persons, it seems necessary and desirable that this

Legislature should create a standing committee charged with the duty of meeting the Committee from Congress on its arrival in Alaska, and rendering to such committee every possible assistance in arranging its itinerary and public hearings in a manner most adaptable and convenient to the people of Alaska and best calculated to accomplish the desired results; and,

WHEREAS, It appears necessary and desirable that the members of said standing committee of this Legislature, or some of them should travel with the Congressional Party throughout the Territory in order to further assist the Congressional Committee in obtaining a true picture of the situation which exists in Alaska's Fisheries at the present time:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that this Legislature hereby petitions the Congress of the United States to create and appoint a Congressional Committee for the investigation of the Alaska Fisheries, and that a committee of this Legislature, composed of five members from the House and Senate, at least two of whom shall be from each House, be selected by the members of the House and Senate in Joint Session assembled; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this committee shall be known as the Joint Committee on Fisheries, and shall be charged with the duty of facilitating and assisting a Congressional investigation of the Alaska Fisheries, in the manner hereinbefore set forth; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Judiciary Committee of the House and Senate be requested to present a Bill in proper form, appropriating the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00), to carry out the provisions of this Resolution.

Passed by the House, February 24, 1939.

Passed by the Senate, March 7, 1939.

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## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 2.

WHEREAS, employees of the Alaska Road Commission, and living in camps provided by that organization, have repeatedly protested against certain accommodations furnished them; and

WHEREAS, although the said Alaska Road Commission makes a charge for these accommodations at the rate of approximately Fifteen Dollars (\$15.00) per month; and