

HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 10.

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE:

Your Memorialist, the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska, in Fourteenth Regular Session assembled, respectfully submits that:

WHEREAS, the extensive forest resources of the Territory are now being utilized at a rate which represents an extremely small proportion of their possible renewable growth; and,

WHEREAS, minor wood-using industries, which require relatively small capital investments and involve only simple operating methods, now provide a substantial amount of supplementary employment and income to rural inhabitants in many forested regions of the United States; and,

WHEREAS, the establishment in Alaska of minor wood-using industries adaptable to the local woods will ameliorate the unfavorable employment conditions which result from the short seasonal operating period of most of the existing industries in the Territory;

NOW, THEREFORE, Your Memorialist urges that the Department of Agriculture make an intensive survey of the possibilities for developing minor wood-using industries in Alaska, including the suitability of the local woods for commercial articles of trade, location and extent of the timber supplies, available markets, capital requirements, and operating methods and costs; and that the compiled data be brought to the attention of prospective operators.

AND YOUR MEMORIALIST WILL EVER PRAY.

Passed by the House, January 28, 1939.

Passed by the Senate, February 1, 1939.

HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 17.

TO THE HONORABLE, THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES:

Your Memorialist, the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska, in Fourteenth Regular Session assembled, respectfully submits that:

WHEREAS, by authority of Congress (Public No. 564, Chapter 299, 75th Congress, 3rd Session) there has been appointed an

"Alaskan International Highway Commission" which is directed and empowered to cooperate with a similar Canadian commission "for the survey, location and construction of a highway to the Pacific Northwest part of continental United States with British Columbia and the Yukon Territory . . . and the Territory of Alaska"; and,

WHEREAS, said Commission has entered into negotiations and is cooperating with a similar commission representing the Dominion of Canada, and jointly they are studying routes, costs, and methods of financing; and,

WHEREAS, the construction of such a highway would promote a more orderly and systematic development of the natural resources of Alaska and further the cause of orderly development; and,

WHEREAS, the interests of national defense would be greatly served by this project; and,

WHEREAS, to connect the proposed highway from the western boundary of the Yukon Territory with the existing interior Alaskan road system will require the construction of one hundred eighty-three miles of road in Alaska, at an estimated cost of Two Million, Two Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars; and,

WHEREAS, the route for this road traverses regions known to be highly mineralized and where industrial development is now almost impossible because of lack of transportation facilities and abnormally high costs of operation;

NOW, THEREFORE, Your Memorialist respectfully urges that an appropriation in that amount be immediately made to the end that work may be initiated without delay.

AND YOUR MEMORIALIST WILL EVER PRAY.

Passed by the House, February 6, 1939.

Passed by the Senate, February 16, 1939.