

HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 18.

TO THE HONORABLE FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, TO THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES, AND TO THE HONORABLE ANTHONY J. DIMOND, DELEGATE TO CONGRESS FROM ALASKA:

WHEREAS, during the two-year period ending December 31, 1936 conclusive evidence has appeared that fishing and packing of salmon was being conducted in the waters adjacent to Bristol Bay and the Alaska Peninsula by foreign nationals; and,

WHEREAS, the Legislature of 1937, by House Joint Memorial No. 50, did protest against the continuance of these activities by foreign nationals; and,

WHEREAS, it appears that in the eleven-year period from 1928 to and including 1938, a total of 4,184,840 cases of salmon were packed in the areas above referred to with a total value of \$78,465,447, and during that period the number of fishermen employed averaged over 2,000 per annum, with transporters and shoremen approximating 5,000, additional, per annum; and,

WHEREAS, during the calendar year 1936, being the last year for which complete details are available, 2,676 fishermen and 4,568 transporters and shoremen were employed in this section \$1,119,516 being paid to Alaskan residents in connection with this work, and, during the same period, approximately 33 1/3% of all the taxes received by the Territory of Alaska came from the fishing industry of the Bristol Bay and Port Moller sections of Alaska; and,

WHEREAS, the salmon fishing industry is jeopardized by the encroachments of said foreign fishermen in the said waters, and also by competition arising from the cheap oriental labor used in the packing of such fish products as compared with the higher standard of wages paid to American fishermen and others engaged in the industry; and,

WHEREAS, The Honorable Anthony J. Dimond, Delegate to Congress from Alaska, did, on January 3, 1939, introduce H. R. 883 in the House of Representatives of the Congress of the United States, which said H. R. 883 is intended to cover the entire situation involving the conflict of interests between the Asiatic countries and the United States over the waters in and adjacent to the Territory of Alaska, and particularly those in Bristol Bay and along the Alaska Peninsula, and also to determine the property right in salmon spawned and hatched in the waters of Alaska;

NOW, THEREFORE, Your Memorialist, the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska in fourteenth regular session assembled, respectfully petitions that the Senate and House of Representatives of the Congress of the United States give due consideration to said H. R. 883 of the Seventh-sixth Congress of the United States of America and enact the same into law at as early a date as possible.

AND YOUR MEMORIALIST WILL EVER PRAY.

Passed by the House, February 6, 1939.

Passed by the Senate, February 27, 1939.

HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 20.

TO THE HONORABLE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
TO HONORABLE HAROLD L. ICKES, SECRETARY OF THE
INTERIOR, AND HONORABLE ANTHONY J. DIMOND, DELE-
GATE 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 June 30, 1932, an act governing the operation of roads, trails and bridges in Alaska, found in Section 321b, Title 48, U. S. Code, and also Section 3, 47 Statutes at Large, page 446, and which act gives the Secretary of the Interior the power, by order or regulation to make rules and regulations governing the use of roads, trails and other works in Alaska, including the fixing and collection of tolls where deemed necessary and advisable in the public interests; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to the power and authority vested in him by virtue of the act aforesaid, the Honorable Secretary of the Interior, by Order No. 905, dated March 25, 1935, has promulgated a set of regulations for the use of highways in Alaska and the operation of motor vehicles, Section 2 of which regulations read as follows:

"Section 2. Tolls: For the transportation of merchandise or freight over the Richardson Highway, there shall be charged and collected at or adjacent to the McCarthy Ferry on the Tanana River, tolls equal to two and one-half cents per ton of such merchandise or freight passing that point