

House Joint Memorials

HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 1.

TO THE HONORABLE, THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES:

WHEREAS, Section 883, Title 46, USC as amended was passed to regulate shipping between points in the United States, including Districts, Territories, and possessions thereof; and,

WHEREAS, under provisions of said section, Alaska is excluded in favor of points within the continental United States; and,

WHEREAS, this exclusion has operated as discriminatory against the best interest of Alaska by delaying delivery of goods and by increasing costs of transportation;

NOW THEREFORE, We, your Memorialist, memorialize the Congress of the United States to amend said section by striking therefrom the words "except Alaska"; thereby making it lawful to ship merchandise over Canadian rail and water lines, providing the same privileges are extended by the Canadian Government, to American bottoms in the Canadian waters between the United States and Alaska.

AND YOUR MEMORIALIST WILL EVER PRAY.

Passed by the House, January 30, 1939.

Passed by the Senate, February 20, 1939.

HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 2.

TO THE CONGRESS 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, the Act of Congress approved March 26, 1934, (Section 2, Chapter 86, 48 Statutes at Large, 465) provides that the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska shall convene on the second Monday in January, 1935, and on the second Monday in January every two years thereafter; and,

WHEREAS, the present fiscal year for the Territory of Alaska, as provided by Section 25 of Chapter 118, Session Laws of Alaska, 1929, ends on December 31; and,

WHEREAS, all offices of the Territory connected with the records of receipts and expenditures of the Territory must close their books as of said December 31 and take their balances, particularly the offices of the Territorial Treasurer and the Auditor of Alaska, and make necessary reports to the Legislature, including the budget for the ensuing biennium, and before making the Territorial Treasurer's report the balances must be reconciled with the bank balances of said December 31 in order to estimate available funds for the next biennium; and,

WHEREAS, it has been the experience of the officers mentioned that it is impracticable to have balances and estimates prepared and printed reports distributed to the members of the Legislature in the short time between the closing of the books on December 31 and the date of convening of the Legislature; and,

WHEREAS, because of the distances traveled by various members of the Legislature, many of whom are business men whose business is generally done on a calendar year basis, it is practically impossible for such business men to attend to the closing of their books for the year and to arrive in Juneau before the second Monday in January for the convening of the Legislature;

NOW, THEREFORE, We, your Memorialist, respectfully petition that the Act of Congress approved March 26, 1934, (Section 2, Chapter 86, 48 Statutes at Large 465) be amended by changing the date of convening of the Alaska Legislature from the second Monday in January of each odd numbered year to the fourth Monday in January of each odd numbered year.

AND YOUR MEMORIALIST WILL EVER PRAY.

Passed by the House, January 24, 1939.

Passed by the Senate, February 2, 1939.