

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

multiplied by the number of miles such merchandise or freight has been or is being carried over the said highway. No vehicle hauling such merchandise or freight shall be allowed to pass the designated toll station except upon payment of the tolls as herein provided. It shall be the duty of the Governor of Alaska, as ex-officio Commissioner for the Interior Department, to cause the collection of the tolls to be made in such manner as may be found most convenient and practicable, and all moneys so collected shall be deposited in the Treasury of the United States as miscellaneous receipts."

and,

WHEREAS, the imposition of said tolls upon the Richardson Highway between Valdez and Fairbanks, and between other points on said highway, has worked a great hardship upon the residents of Fairbanks and interior Alaska, by adding to the freight rates normally required a toll of approximately \$9.00 per ton on all freight shipped over the Richardson Highway from Valdez to Fairbanks, Alaska; and,

WHEREAS, said rate is discriminatory and unjust and adds to the cost and expense of doing business and to the cost of living of all the people of Fairbanks and other points in the interior of Alaska:

NOW, THEREFORE, your Memorialist, respectfully pray that Section 321b, Title 48, U. S. Code; Section 3, 47 Statutes at Large, page 446, providing that tolls may be fixed and collected on highways in Alaska, be repealed, and, pending such repeal, that the Honorable Secretary of the Interior be requested to suspend the operation of the regulation contained in Order No. 905, requiring tolls to be paid for transportation of merchandise or freight over the Richardson Highway.

AND YOUR MEMORIALIST WILL EVER PRAY.

Passed by the House, February 10, 1939.

Passed by the Senate, February 23, 1939.