

## HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 21.

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE, TO THE UNITED STATES BUREAU OF BIOLOGICAL SURVEY, AND TO THE HONORABLE ANTHONY J. DIMOND, DELEGATE TO CONGRESS FROM THE TERRITORY OF ALASKA:

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

WHEREAS, the Alaska Game Law of 1925 places the authority for wildlife protection in Alaska in an agency of the Department of Agriculture, known as the Alaska Game Commission; and,

WHEREAS, this Commission has never been provided with enough funds to discharge its responsibilities; and,

WHEREAS, there are only eleven (11) wildlife agents to patrol an area of Five Hundred Eighty-six Thousand (586,000) square miles; and,

WHEREAS, the population of the Territory is increasing with resultant heavier drains on this wildlife resource; and,

WHEREAS, the airplane has come into common use in Alaska as an economical means of transportation, and Congress has amended the Alaska Game Law to permit ownership and operation of airplanes:

NOW, THEREFORE, Your Memorialist, respectfully urges that the Department of Agriculture petition the Budget Committee to increase the funds allotted for wildlife protection in Alaska, so that the proper number of wildlife agents can be assigned and so that at least two (2) airplanes can be provided for patrolling the vast areas of the Territory where no other suitable means of transportation now exists.

AND YOUR MEMORIALIST WILL EVER PRAY.

Passed by the House, February 8, 1939.

Passed by the Senate, February 11, 1939.