

HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 23.

TO THE HONORABLE JAMES A. FARLEY, POSTMASTER GENERAL 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, in Fourteenth Regular Session assembled, respectfully represents that:

WHEREAS, at the 1937 session of the Legislature of Alaska, this body memorialized you for relief in the matter of additional office space in the Federal and Territorial Building in Juneau, because, as shown at that time, there is not sufficient space available to take care of the increased activities of the federal and territorial government; and,

WHEREAS, because of this congestion and the inability of the various agencies to rent quarters outside of the said building in Juneau, it became necessary during the year 1937 for the Territory of Alaska to remodel the Territorial Building in order to house the various activities connected with the Social Security, and the following offices are at present located in the said Territorial Building; Federal Department of Social Security, Unemployment Compensation Department, Department of Public Welfare, Department of Health; and,

WHEREAS, the said Territorial Building was originally built about thirty years ago, is a frame building with a stucco exterior and has no fire-proof storage space for protection of any kind; and,

WHEREAS, we have been advised that, unless additional space is shortly allotted, a change will be necessary on the first floor of the Federal and Territorial Building, which would compel the Territorial Treasurer's office to remove from the building since no other space is available for his use; and,

WHEREAS, the following Territorial offices require additional space as follows: Territorial Treasurer 2 rooms; Auditor of Alaska 1 room; Commissioner of Mines 2 rooms; Commissioner of Education 1 room; Aeronautics Communications Commission 1 room; Alaska Planning Council 2 rooms; and the Territorial Museum and Library require double the space already occupied; and,

WHEREAS, Congress has authorized the use of a lump sum for the construction of needed buildings throughout the Nation, and Your Memorialist is advised that part of these funds are avail-

able for use in the Territory of Alaska during the present year, and it is the belief that this money could well be spent in an addition to the Federal and Territorial Building in Juneau;

NOW, THEREFORE, Your Memorialist, the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska, respectfully asks that immediate steps be taken towards the extension of the said Federal and Territorial Building so as to provide for the additional space so urgently required by the territorial offices.

AND YOUR MEMORIALIST WILL EVER PRAY.

Passed by the House, February 10, 1939.

Passed by the Senate, February 16, 1939.

HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 24.

TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES, THE SENATE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES, 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, Section 26 of Title 24 of the United States Code Annotated, provides for the care and treatment of various classes of persons among whom is mentioned "the merchant marine seamen" and in the administration of this law, the term "merchant marine seamen" has been held to include seamen employed on "registered, enrolled, and licensed vessels" or in effect seamen employed on boats of five (5) tons or over; and,

WHEREAS, the practical results of this construction and administration has discriminated against a large part of the fishing population of the Territory of Alaska and this discrimination has been unjust since the owners and operators of boats under five (5) tons are, as a rule, much less able to care for emergencies such as sickness or disability of any kind than are their fellows engaged