

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

on larger boats; and this has resulted in such seamen, through illness or accident, being forced to pay expenses for hospitalization in many cases to such an extent as to lose their entire investment in their boats; and,

WHEREAS, it is not believed that it was the intention of the Congress to so limit the construction of the words, "merchant marine seamen" and it is believed that the said Section 26, of Title 24 of the United States Code Annotated, should be amended to remove this discrimination;

NOW, THEREFORE, We, your Memorialist, the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska, in Fourteenth Regular Session assembled, do hereby petition the Congress of the United States to so amend the said Section 26 of Title 24 of the United States Code Annotated, so as to include in the term "merchant marine seamen" all persons engaged in commercial fishing without respect to the size of the boat or appliances used, and that in cases of sickness requiring hospitalization such care shall be given at the nearest hospital to the patient's home or home port.

AND YOUR MEMORIALIST WILL EVER PRAY.

Passed by the House, February 16, 1939.

Passed by the Senate, February 24, 1939.

HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 27.

TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, TO THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES, TO THE SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY OF THE UNITED STATES, AND TO THE COMMANDANT OF THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD:

Your Memorialist, the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska, respectfully represents:

WHEREAS, the City of Nome is the principal port in Northwestern Alaska where the commerce and business of that large part of the Territory of Alaska centers; and,

WHEREAS, it is the principal port in the Second Division of Alaska where freight and passenger steamers and other vessels unload their passengers and cargo; and,