

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,

WHEREAS, it is an unprotected roadstead; and subject to severe storms; and,

WHEREAS, there are seven other ports within one hundred and fifty miles of Nome where freight and passenger steamers and other vessels unload their freight and passengers from unprotected roadsteads; and,

WHEREAS, due to long distances from Nome to other coastal ports, towns, and villages that from time to time are in need of immediate succor and aid, a Coast Guard plane equipped for Northern flying should be a part of the station's equipment; and,

WHEREAS, for more than twenty-nine years the United States Government has maintained at Nome a Coast Guard Station, efficiently manned and equipped, which has been of great service in saving life and property;

AND WHEREAS, said Coast Guard Station and a portion of its equipment was destroyed by fire on September 17, 1934,

NOW, THEREFORE, We, your Memorialists, respectfully pray that said Coast Guard Station be rebuilt at Nome, Alaska, without delay, and be adequately equipped and manned for service.

AND YOUR MEMORIALISTS WILL EVER PRAY.

Passed by the House, February 10, 1939.

Passed by the Senate, February 16, 1939.

HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 28.

TO THE HONORABLE FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, THE HONORABLE HARRY HOPKINS, SECRETARY OF COMMERCE, THE HONORABLE 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, in Fourteenth Regular Session assembled, respectfully submits that,

WHEREAS, the life, the welfare, the prosperity and the happiness of approximately one-half of the population of this Territory