

## HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 40.

TO THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
AND TO THE HONORABLE HARRY HOPKINS, SECRETARY  
OF COMMERCE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
AND TO THE HONORABLE ANTHONY J. DIMOND, DELE-  
GATE TO THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES FROM  
THE TERRITORY OF ALASKA:

Your Memorialist, the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska,  
in its Fourteenth Session assembled, respectfully represents that:

WHEREAS, a considerable proportion of the population of the  
Territory of Alaska depend for their livelihood, and that of their  
families upon the halibut fishing industry in said Territory, and,

WHEREAS, the time during which said industry can be plied  
as a trade or occupation for the support of these fishermen and  
their families is limited to four months pursuant to the laudable  
policy of the Commission regulating the halibut fishing industry  
to insure the perpetuation of the yearly catch of halibut, and,

WHEREAS, the prices paid for halibut to the fishermen have  
not been considered and scaled in proportion to the extremely cur-  
tailed fishing season for halibut, resulting in the inability of the said  
fishermen to make a living for themselves and their families with  
consequent economic distress to themselves and the communities in  
which they live, making it impossible, among other things, for these  
men to maintain their boats and gears in seaworthy and workman-  
like condition,

NOW, THEREFORE, We, your Memorialist, respectfully petition  
that the Congress of the United States of America conduct an invest-  
igation into the economic disposition of the halibut fishing industry  
of the Pacific Coast with a view to stabilize the price which would  
enable the fishermen to make a living.

AND YOUR MEMORIALIST WILL EVER PRAY.

Passed by the House, February 27, 1939.

Passed by the Senate, March 2, 1939.