

Senate Concurrent Resolutions

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1.

WHEREAS, the life, the welfare, the prosperity and the happiness of approximately one-half of the population of this Territory is totally dependent upon the Alaska fisheries and the manner and method in which the same are administered by the United States Bureau of Fisheries; and

WHEREAS, Alaska and the people thereof have suffered greatly in the past due to the almost total absence of an Alaskan viewpoint in the determination of the policies of the Bureau of Fisheries; and

WHEREAS, careful study and consideration of the functions of the United States Bureau of Fisheries leads to the inescapable conclusion that its chief duty is to conserve and administer the Alaska fisheries; and

WHEREAS, in view of the situation hereinbefore set forth, the people of this Territory appear to be fully justified in requesting that the vacancy in the office of Commissioner of Fisheries created by the resignation of the incumbent be filled by the appointment of a resident of this Territory thoroughly familiar with Alaska and its fisheries and with the problems arising with their administration, utilization and conservation; thereby enabling the most important administrative function in Alaska to be under the personal supervision of a man capable and competent to discharge the duties imposed by the office and to gain for himself and the administration the trust and confidence so necessary to such an important post.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska, the House concurring, that it is the sense of the people of Alaska that the President of the United States be earnestly implored to appoint a resident of Alaska to the office of Commissioner of Fisheries.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Honorable John W. Troy, Governor of Alaska, be requested to forward copies of this Resolution to President Franklin D. Roosevelt, to Secretary of Commerce Harry Hopkins and to Honorable Anthony J. Dimond, Dele-

gate from Alaska, and that the substance thereof be telegraphed to the Honorable Anthony J. Dimond with a request that he inform the President and the Secretary of Commerce of the action taken by this body.

Passed by the Senate, January 11, 1939.

Passed by the House, January 11, 1939.