

Territory of Alaska to handle, without the cooperation and assistance of the many Bureaus of the Federal Government of the United States operating in Alaska;

NOW, THEREFORE, Your Memorialist respectfully petitions the Secretary of the Interior of the United States to institute an aggressive program of predatory animal control under competent superintendence in the said Mt. McKinley National Park, Katmai National Monument, and the Glacier Bay National Monument, to assist the Territory of Alaska in curbing the activities of such predatory animals in the Territory.

AND YOUR MEMORIALIST WILL EVER PRAY.

Passed by the Senate, February 7, 1939.

Passed by the House, February 18, 1939.

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### SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 3.

TO THE HONORABLE, THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR, THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE, THE NATIONAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE, THE DELEGATE IN CONGRESS FROM ALASKA, AND THE COMMITTEES ON TERRITORIAL AND INSULAR POSSESSIONS IN THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF CONGRESS:

We, Your Memorialists, the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska in the Fourteenth Regular Session assembled, present to you the following facts:

WHEREAS, by action of the President taken in conformity with a request of Congress contained in Concurrent Resolution No. 24, First Session, 75th Congress, the Alaska Resources Committee was created and authorized to "prepare . . . a comprehensive plan for the development of the resources of Alaska, and the expansion and development of the facilities of commerce between the United States and Alaska and within the Territory . . . "; and,

WHEREAS, said Alaska Resources Committee reported to the President under date of December 20, 1937—not a plan for the development of the resources of Alaska—but a proposed policy of reser-

vation, at variance with its instructions, and contrary to its authorized purpose, in effect as follows:

1. Alaska should be held as a reservoir of resources available for future use.

2. Alaska is a recreational grounds for the United States and should be kept largely a wilderness.

3. Large areas of water as well as land should be set apart as fisheries reserves for the exclusive use of the Indians.

4. Large withdrawals as hunting and trapping reserves should be made.

5. More than one-third of the entire land area of Alaska should be locked up from all use and development except for grazing reindeer.

6. Random occurrence of mineral deposits requires steps be taken to insure government control over mineralized areas, implying that a leasing system should be adopted instead of the time-honored method now in use of permitting citizens to stake mining claims on the public domain; and,

WHEREAS, the membership of the Alaska Resources Committee included no bona fide Alaskan not employed by Federal Bureaus operating in Alaska; and,

WHEREAS, said recommendations of said Resources Committee are misleading to both Congress and the President as well as to the United States at large, to the great detriment of Alaska; and,

WHEREAS, proper utilization of the nation's wealth does not necessarily consist of withdrawing a vast area as a storehouse while the resources of the rest of the country are being depleted, but in the balanced development of all sections; and,

WHEREAS, the present trend toward planned economy in the United States, together with other factors, makes this the critical time for vigorous action urging Congress to adopt a policy of immediate and fullest orderly utilization of Alaska's resources, for the following general reasons:

1. Producers of manufactured and processed goods in the States need a greater domestic market.

2. Alaska is ready to become a much greater market, demanding large amounts of such goods. What is needed to bring this about is the realization of its economic possibilities.

3. The needed development is being largely retarded by reservation withdrawals, numerous and overlapping bureaucratic controls and doubt and uncertainty caused private investors by threats of more extensive reservations emanating from such ill-advised reports as that of the Alaska Resources Committee.

4. The world political and military situation impels strengthening Alaska as the buffer state of the Pacific. This can best be accomplished by active industrial development and an increased citizenry.

NOW, THEREFORE, We, Your Memorialists, earnestly request that the study for a "comprehensive plan for the development of the resources of Alaska" be reopened and continued and that a program of development and orderly utilization of Alaska's resources be planned and that the recommendations for restrictory conservation and reservation proposed by the Alaska Resources Committee do not be adopted and that in all future planning for Alaska economy that Alaska be equally represented on any body organized for that purpose.

AND YOUR MEMORIALISTS WILL EVER PRAY.

Passed by the Senate, February 8, 1939.

Passed by the House, February 18, 1939.

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#### SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 4.

TO THE HONORABLE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES:

Your Memorialist, the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska in the Fourteenth Regular Session assembled respectfully submits that:

WHEREAS, there are three road building agencies in the Territory of Alaska, namely, the Alaska Road Commission under the Department of the Interior, the Bureau of Public Roads under the Department of Agriculture and the Territorial Board of Road Commissioners a Territorial agency; and,

WHEREAS, it is believed that a single road planning agency would function more efficiently and more economically, and that the existing Territorial road building agency understands the road needs and road problems in Alaska; and,