

tion depending upon the service of the Alaska Railroad the highest taxed people in the world today; and,

WHEREAS, the Alaska Railroad under present policies is failing to realize the development objective for which the road was originally constructed. On the theory of making the railroad self-sustaining, freight tariffs are demanded which are so economically oppressive as to reduce tonnage and to stifle the needed development; and,

WHEREAS, the lowering of these excessive tariffs would encourage a much greater industrial and mining activity and would thereby multiply population and the consumption of manufactured and processed goods, thereby raising standards of living and increasing tonnage; and,

WHEREAS, the administrative authority delegated to Interior Department officials allowing the imposition of tolls on freight passing over Alaska highways has led to the unjust and unfair practice of imposing tolls for the purpose of forcing freight over the Alaska Railroad at a figure far above that commensurate with the value of similar services rendered in other parts of the United States.

NOW, THEREFORE, Your Memorialist respectfully urges that Congress adopt a Resolution setting forth a policy of development as the aim of the Alaska Railroad, making appropriations to cover the costs of operations thereunder.

AND YOUR MEMORIALIST WILL EVER PRAY.

Passed by the Senate, February 10, 1939.

Passed by the House, March 3, 1939.

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### SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 6.

TO THE HONORABLE, THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES, THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR, AND THE DELEGATE IN CONGRESS FROM ALASKA:

Your Memorialist, the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska in fourteenth regular session assembled, respectfully submits that:

WHEREAS, there is now operating in the Territory of Alaska a native-owned cannery located on a Federal government Reservation, which competes in one of Alaska's major industries but which is exempt from all Territorial taxation; and

WHEREAS, the establishment of more fisheries reservations of a like nature is being urged by Federal government officials and others; and

WHEREAS, Federal government loans are now being granted to subsidize native-owned cooperative canneries; and

WHEREAS, if such reservations and cooperatives are allowed to operate without being subject to equal Territorial taxation with other members of the industry the Territorial income will be jeopardized;

NOW, THEREFORE, Your Memorialist respectfully urges that Congress immediately empower the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska to impose and collect equal taxes on all canneries and cannery products established on and operated on Indian reservations or a cooperative basis in Alaska.

AND YOUR MEMORIALIST WILL EVER PRAY.

Passed by the Senate, February 10, 1939.

Passed by the House, February 18, 1939.

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### SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 7.

TO THE INTERSTATE COMMERCE COMMISSION AND THE UNITED STATES SHIPPING BOARD:

Your Memorialist, the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska in fourteenth regular session assembled, respectfully submits that:

WHEREAS, Alaska is dependent upon water borne commerce for its entire trade; and,

WHEREAS, freight tariffs have been increased to a point where they are now excessive and beyond the value of the service rendered; and,

WHEREAS, it is reasonably expected that additional freight increases will be imposed in the near future by Alaska carriers; and,