

WHEREAS, the outstanding need for roads in Alaska is indicated by the large and consistently increasing appropriations made by the Territory for such purposes; and,

WHEREAS, the sums so appropriated by the Territory of Alaska are more than sufficient to meet the requirements of said Federal Highway Act, under the formula applied to the several States in determining the amount of cooperation necessary for the participating States to contribute; and,

WHEREAS, it is the sense of the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska that the people of Alaska should rightfully have more voice in the planning and building of roads within the Territory toward which they now make a substantial contribution in money and that the Territory is ready and willing to contribute upon any fair and equitable basis toward the construction of roads in Alaska.

NOW, THEREFORE, Your Memorialist, respectfully petitions that the Federal Highway Act approved November 29, 1921, and all other Acts amendatory thereof and supplemental thereto be extended to the Territory of Alaska.

AND YOUR MEMORIALIST WILL EVER PRAY.

Passed by the House, February 19, 1941.

Passed by the Senate, February 24, 1941.

HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 10

TO THE HONORABLE FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, THE HONORABLE THOMAS PARRAN, THE SURGEON GENERAL OF THE UNITED STATES PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE, THE HONORABLE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES, THE HONORABLE ANTHONY J. DIMOND, DELEGATE TO CONGRESS FROM ALASKA:

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

WHEREAS, the future well being and prosperity of the people of Alaska, both white and native, is dependent upon the maintenance of their health; and,

WHEREAS, it has been and is the common knowledge of the people of Alaska and responsible Federal agencies that the disease

Tuberculosis is more prevalent and is causing more disability and more deaths among the population of Alaska than any other single preventable disease; and,

WHEREAS, the medical and hospital care of the native population of Alaska is the responsibility of the Federal Government through the Office of Indian Affairs, and this responsibility is not being met adequately because of the lack of sufficient hospital beds for the isolation and proper care of hundreds of these Federal wards; and,

WHEREAS, the known prevalence and death rate from tuberculosis is higher than that in any State, Territory or Possession of the United States, and is thus a national disgrace and a definite deterrent and menace to the future growth and development of this most strategic and valuable Territory; and,

WHEREAS, the continuous and demonstrable spread of this dread disease among the population, both native and white, appears to be increasing and is certain to extend to numerous individuals at present uninfected, now resident in the Territory; and,

WHEREAS, with the present large and certain future assignment of Army, Navy and Air Corps personnel, as well as many civilian employees and families, to posts in Alaska and the inevitable mingling and close associations of the military personnel with a population which on careful survey shows an unusually high percentage of pulmonary tuberculosis cases, the probability of a high rate of new infection will occur in this previously healthy group; and,

WHEREAS, the Territory cannot hope to adequately meet this urgent need for the care of these thousands of unfortunate individuals; and,

WHEREAS, the condition is undeniably an emergency and becomes in the final analysis, not only a necessary social measure but a first class military issue:

NOW, THEREFORE, your Memorialist respectfully prays that the Congress of the United States appropriate sufficient funds to construct and maintain adequate hospital facilities in Alaska for the treatment, care and rehabilitation of both white and native residents of Alaska infected with tuberculosis.

AND YOUR MEMORIALIST WILL EVER PRAY

Passed by the House, February 20, 1941.

Passed by the Senate, March 6, 1941.