

1 That the freight and passenger tariff charged by the Alaska Railroad between Seward and Fairbanks is abnormally excessive and unjust.

2. That these rates retard the normal development of the Interior of Alaska and cause unnecessary hardship to residents thereof

5. That such residents have protested against these excessive rates but without success.

4. That the imposition of the toll on freight over the Richardson Highway has also been protested against.

5. That the Legislature appoint a Joint Committee to investigate the entire subject matter, both as to the management of the Alaska Railroad and the imposition of tolls over the Richardson Highway; and,

WHEREAS, the members of the Alaska Territorial Legislature are well acquainted with the conditions protested against by the Fairbanks Building Trades Union and agree that the conditions protested against should be remedied by the reduction of freight and passenger rates over the Alaska Railroad and the revocation of Executive Order No. 905 so that the collection of tolls over the Richardson Highway be discontinued.

NOW, THEREFORE, Your Memorialist respectfully prays that appropriate action be taken by the Officers of the United States Government to remedy the situation, as presented in this Memorial.

AND YOUR MEMORIALIST WILL EVER PRAY.

Passed by the House, March 5, 1941.

Passed by the Senate, March 10, 1941.

HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 13

TO THE HONORABLE FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, TO THE HONORABLE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE AND TO THE HONORABLE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES, AND TO THE HONORABLE ANTHONY J. DIMOND, DELEGATE FROM ALASKA:

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

WHEREAS, the Honorable Anthony J. Dimond, Delegate to Congress from Alaska, has introduced in the House of Representatives of the Congress of the United States, now in session, H. R. 87, amending the Act of Congress approved June 6, 1924, entitled, "An Act to amend section 6 of an Act of Congress entitled 'An Act for the protection of the fisheries of Alaska, and for other purposes', approved June 6, 1924", and providing particularly against seizure of boats and gear used in fishing, until the owner or operator shall have been convicted of illegal fishing; and,

WHEREAS, we believe that this bill fairly reflects the views of a large majority of the people of this Territory upon the subject covered; and,

WHEREAS, this subject has been before Congress for a number of years and the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska has memorialized Congress to change the fishing laws so as to permit a person charged with illegal fishing to have his case tried in court before his boat and gear are confiscated, since it is the practice for officers of the Bureau of Fisheries to arrest fishermen on the charges of illegal fishing, confiscate their boats, and then inform them that if they will agree to plead guilty and pay a fine their boats will be released; that the fine required to be paid is not the judgment of a court but is fixed by representatives of the Bureau of Fisheries and the defendant is informed that, unless such a fine is collected, the boat will not be released; and,

WHEREAS, because of the very short fishing season in Alaska, it is possible to deprive the fisherman of his entire season's labor and revenue by tying up the said boat and gear during the open season, and thereby again penalizing him without giving him an opportunity to be heard; and,

WHEREAS, no good citizen wants—and fishermen, as a whole, are good citizens—to be branded as a criminal, and it is very unfair for any government officer to, in effect, blackmail such citizens into being criminals by having them plead guilty, when the only alternative is that if they do not so plead they will be unduly penalized by not being permitted to follow their business during the short fishing season; and,

WHEREAS, this question was considered by the Joint Committee on Marine and Fisheries in their investigation of the fisheries of Alaska, which was held during the summer of 1939, which

committee has reported favorably to an amendment of the law in this respect;

NOW, THEREFORE, We, your Memorialist, the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska, most respectfully petitions the Congress of the United States to enact the said H. R. 87, of the present session of Congress into law.

AND YOUR MEMORIALIST WILL EVER PRAY.

Passed by the House, March 3, 1941.

Passed by the Senate, March 10, 1941.

HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 16

TO THE HONORABLE FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, TO THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES, TO THE HONORABLE HAROLD L. ICKES, SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR, TO THE HONORABLE CLAUDE R. WICKARD, SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE AND TO THE HONORABLE ANTHONY J. DIMOND, DELEGATE FROM ALASKA TO CONGRESS:

Your Memorialist, the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska, in Fifteenth Regular Session assembled, respectfully represents;

WHEREAS, The Congress of the United States, and the Chief Executive of the Nation, His Excellency, the Honorable Franklin D. Roosevelt, have expressed deep interest in the need for the development of Alaska's great natural resources; and,

WHEREAS, since 1937, that interest has been demonstrated by studies by experts representing several Federal government departments and agencies directed toward land use and land classification, industrial and manufacturing possibilities; and,

WHEREAS, Alaska realizes the value of such studies and has, through its own departments and agencies co-operated fully in these activities; and,

WHEREAS, the need for such development in connection with the over-expanding national defense program in the Territory, makes it more vital for such development to be intensified; and,

WHEREAS, such development has been and is being hampered by the long-standing practice of withdrawals from public oc-