

HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 24

TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, TO THE HONORABLE THOMAS PARRAN, SURGEON-GENERAL OF THE UNITED STATES AND TO THE HONORABLE ANTHONY J. DIMOND, DELEGATE TO CONGRESS FROM ALASKA:

WHEREAS, the policy of the United States Government for years has been to care for the general health of the marine citizens of Alaska by furnishing medical and dental aid in the Territory where possible and when necessary, by caring for them in the Marine Hospital in the State of Washington; and,

WHEREAS, the State of Washington has always a long waiting list which often prevents treatment of Alaskans; and,

WHEREAS, a major portion of Alaska's most useful and dependable citizens are fishermen whose health is of the utmost importance to the welfare of the Territory; and,

WHEREAS, the United States Government in its wisdom has seen fit to increase our military population which will receive the benefits of such services; and,

WHEREAS, such health facilities in the event of military emergency would be a means of great military assistance;

NOW, THEREFORE, your Memorialist, the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska, in Fifteenth Regular Session assembled, respectfully petitions that provision be made for the building of a Marine Hospital in the Territory of Alaska at the earliest possible date.

AND YOUR MEMORIALIST WILL EVER PRAY.

Passed by the House, March 18, 1941.

Passed by the Senate, March 24, 1941.

HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 25

TO THE HONORABLE SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY AND COMMANDER F. A. ZEUSLER, DISTRICT COMMANDER COAST GUARD AND LIGHT HOUSE SERVICE:

We, your Memorialist, the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska, in Fifteenth Regular Session assembled, respectfully represents that:

WHEREAS, during each fishing season, extending from approximately the fifteenth of June to approximately the fifth of August of each year there are employed in excess of 2500 men actively engaged in fishing by means of nets from open boats in Bristol Bay, Alaska; and,

WHEREAS, the said Bristol Bay is fully exposed to the open ocean and is subject to very severe storms which arise very suddenly, not allowing the men engaged in fishing sufficient time to find safe anchorage or protection and has resulted in the past few fishing seasons in loss of life by drowning, as well as loss of gear and boats; and,

WHEREAS, there is no coast guard vessel or personnel stationed at or near Bristol Bay, or in the waters adjacent thereto, during the entire fishing season, when there is great need therefor to protect life and property;

NOW, THEREFORE, your Memorialist respectfully petitions that one or more vessels of the Coast Guard Fleet be stationed at or near Bristol Bay for the purpose of patrolling and safeguarding the fishing fleet engaged therein during the entire fishing season of each year.

AND YOUR MEMORIALST WILL EVER PRAY.

Passed by the House, March 15, 1941.

Passed by the Senate, March 20, 1941.