

HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 6

TO THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES, TO THE HONORABLE JOHN M. CARMODY, FEDERAL WORKS ADMINISTRATOR, AND TO HONORABLE ANTHONY J. DIMOND, DELEGATE TO CONGRESS FROM ALASKA:

Your Memorialist, the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska respectfully submits that,

WHEREAS, that the large and increasing number of families coming to Alaska to establish permanent homes cannot be satisfactorily located, nor can the use of agricultural and other natural resources be adequately planned until the widely separated communities with their local roads which now characterize Territorial development, are joined together and thus given outlets to ocean shipping ports on the southern Alaska coast by means of a well conceived system of trunk highways, and

WHEREAS, the lack of such a trunk system of highways has kept Alaska transportation costs of supplies and equipment used in mining, farming and other enterprises at fantastic figures which seriously hold in check the settlement of the Territory and the utilization of its natural resources, and

WHEREAS, the extensive agricultural areas of the Matanuska Valley, the Kenai Peninsula and the Tanana Valley should especially be supplied with trunk highway transportation that would promote the production of food supplies for use at nearby military bases, and

WHEREAS, the proposed transfer of the ocean terminus of the Alaska Railroad from Seward to Passage Canal and the abandonment of sixty-six miles of railroad line as a result of such transfer, will cut off the Kenai Peninsula with an area of 9,200 square miles from any land transport connection with other sections of the Territory and thereby cause a great loss to the Town of Seward and other towns and villages, community centers, mining operations, farms, resorts and miscellaneous enterprises of the Kenai Peninsula, and isolate a \$2,000,000.00 system of local roads and discourage further settlement, unless provision is immediately made to replace the railroad with a highway connection, and

WHEREAS, a road connection about thirty miles in length in addition to a two mile rock fill across the head of Turnagain Arm, would join the system of the Kenai Peninsula to that of the Anchorage area and serve to ameliorate the bankrupting effect that will result as a loss of such railroad facilities, and

WHEREAS, a road about one hundred and eighty miles in length to connect the Forty Mile Mining District with the Richardson Highway would not only give this old and important section of Alaska access by road to the other parts of the Territory, but would also traverse throughout its entire length a mineralized area whose development would undoubtedly add to the available mineral wealth of Alaska; and

WHEREAS, any proposed trunk highway program would contemplate, the construction of the connecting links referred to and also take into account the advisability of having an ocean outlet at Haines or a connecting international highway to the states that would bind together the principal industrial area of Alaska with overland transportation:

NOW, THEREFORE, Your Memorialist respectfully urges that the Congress of the United States authorize and instruct the Public Roads Administration to make preliminary surveys and studies for a trunk highway that will link together the local roads serving the larger communities of Alaska so that they will be provided with one or more adequate highway outlets to ocean shipping ports on the south coast of the Territory and to the states and to make a report to Congress with a recommendation as to the manner of constructing such trunk system of highways by the United States in cooperation with the Territory of Alaska, in a manner similar to that now provided for in the construction of highways in the several States under the Federal Highway Act.

AND YOUR MEMORIALIST WILL EVER PRAY.

Passed by the House, February 10, 1941.

Passed by the Senate, March 4, 1941.

HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 7

TO THE HONORABLE FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR, THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, HONORABLE SAMUEL DICKSTEIN, CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE ON IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, THE MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE UNITED STATES, THE HONORABLE ANTHONY J. DIMOND, DELEGATE TO CONGRESS FROM ALASKA, AND