

House Memorials

HOUSE MEMORIAL NO. 1

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 House of Representatives of the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska in the Fifteenth Regular Session assembled, does most respectfully submit that:

WHEREAS, the Senate of the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska now consists of eight members, two from each of the four judicial divisions into which Alaska is now divided by Act of Congress, elected biennially for terms of four years each at the regular election from each division, and,

WHEREAS, the Territory of Alaska covers such a vast area, and the population of same is so very scattered, the number of Senators now representing their respective judicial divisions is not adequate to deal with the legislation coming before that body, and,

WHEREAS, it is now possible for four votes in the Senate to defeat a bill which may have been passed unanimously by the House of Representatives, consisting of sixteen members;

NOW, THEREFORE, We your Memorialist, the House of Representatives of the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska, respectfully petitions that the Congress of the United States enact an amendment to the Organic Act, whereby the Senate of the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska shall consist of twelve members, three from each of the four judicial divisions of Alaska; one member to be elected for a period of two years only, and two members to be elected as at present.

AND YOUR MEMORIALIST WILL EVER PRAY.

Passed by the House, March 13, 1941.