

SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 10

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

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

WHEREAS, the industry of fur sealing has been conducted in the Territory of Alaska, and particularly in the Pribilof Islands, by treaty between the United States Government, the Government of Japan and the Government of Canada whereby seventy (70%) per cent of the net proceeds goes to the United States, fifteen (15%) per cent to Canada and fifteen (15%) per cent to Japan; and,

WHEREAS, during the fiscal year 1939, the catch of fur seals on the Pribilof Islands amounted to 60,473 pelts which were sold in the market at St. Louis, Missouri. These pelts were sold at the following prices: Black, at the May sale, \$16.13 and \$18.61 at the October Sale; Sasari Brown, at the May sale, \$17.18 and \$19.07 at the October sale; Metra Brown, at the May sale and October sale, \$34.00. During the same year, 244 white and blue fox furs were taken and disposed of; and,

WHEREAS, the cost of treating and dyeing such furs is about eleven (\$11.00) dollars per pelt, or a total of \$665,203.00; and,

WHEREAS, it is the belief of your Memorialist that the expenditure of this vast sum should be made in the Territory of Alaska and that a tanning and dyeing establishment should be constructed, equipped and maintained to handle this business in the Territory instead of shipping the pelts out;

NOW, THEREFORE, We your Memorialist, the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska, Fifteenth Session Regular assembled, do hereby petition the Representatives of the Government, mentioned above, to take the necessary steps to provide for the construction, equipment and maintenance of a fur tanning and dyeing establishment in the Territory of Alaska.

AND YOUR MEMORIALIST WILL EVER PRAY.

Passed by the Senate, March 17, 1941.

Passed by the House, March 20, 1941.