

WHEREAS, briefs and arguments have been presented from time to time by Chambers of Commerce, civic bodies and other organizations in the Territory to the Secretary of the Interior and the Chairmen of the committees of the Senate and the House of Representatives of the United States, and arguments and testimony have also been submitted by the Hon. Anthony J. Dimond, Delegate to Congress from Alaska, against these bills for the "settlement and development of Alaska", particularly in his remarks in the House of Representatives on June 17th, 1940, and in the hearing before the Senate Committee on Territories on Senate Bill No. 3577 on May 13th, 15th and 18th, 1940;

NOW, THEREFORE, your Memorialist respectfully and earnestly requests that the bill now pending in Congress hereinabove mentioned entitled "A Bill to provide for the Settlement and Development of Alaska", and H. R. 2791 by Mr. Dickstein and all other bills of a similar nature already introduced or to be introduced in the Senate or House of Representatives of the United States, be not passed and that none of the plans advanced for the colonization, settlement or development of Alaska by any of such bills in the 76th Congress be given any further consideration by Congress or by any of the executive departments of the Government; and that Congress and the Committee on Territories and such subcommittees as may have referred to them a consideration of any of such bills, give full consideration to all the representations which have been made by the people of Alaska through their legislature, their Delegate to Congress, their Chambers of Commerce and civic bodies, the press of the Territory, and all others who live here and are alive to the dangers which are apparent in such colonization schemes.

AND YOUR MEMORIALIST WILL EVER PRAY.

Passed by the Senate, March 19, 1941.

Passed by the House, March 19, 1941.

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### SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 13

TO THE HONORABLE FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT, PRESIDENT  
OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, AND THE CON-  
GRESS OF THE UNITED STATES:

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

WHEREAS, word has come that the House of Representatives of the United States has accepted the recommendation of the War

Department to transfer the terminus of the Alaska Railroad from Seward to Passage Canal, sometimes known as Portage Bay, where a new port is to be established; and

WHEREAS, It may be anticipated that the United States Senate will shortly concur and the transfer thereby become law after signature by the President; and

WHEREAS, this move was recommended on the basis of a National Defense need, in that the shorter haul from Passage Canal to the new Army base at Fort Richardson would give the United States armed forces and supplies surer ingress and egress to the Interior, with diminished danger from interruption of said traffic; and

WHEREAS, this change will spell ruin for the people of Seward since they will be deprived of virtually the only industry the town now possesses, namely, the loading and unloading of steamships; and

WHEREAS, it is clearly desirable from the standpoint of National Defense that a road connection be established between Seward and Anchorage; and

WHEREAS, such road connection would tend to alleviate the economic disaster which will come to the people of Seward when their access to the Interior is cut off, as it will be as soon as the connection by rail no longer exists; and

WHEREAS, the road from Seward to Sunrise and Hope on Turnagain Arm, some seventy-five miles in length, built by the United States Bureau of Public Roads, already exists; and

WHEREAS, continuation of this road by bridge across Turnagain Arm from Sunrise to Bird and thence to Anchorage has been pronounced a wholly feasible project by competent engineers, which can be constructed at a cost roughly estimated to be one million and a quarter dollars; and

WHEREAS, the cost of this project is approximately only one-quarter of the estimated cost of the establishment of a new port at Passage Canal and the construction of thirteen miles of road through the mountains to connect with the Alaska Railroad at mile 67;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislature request the Congress of the United States authorize this road and bridge and appropriate the money necessary for this project and that its construction be commenced immediately, so as to insure its com-

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pletion at the time when Seward and the Kenai Peninsula as a whole will be no longer connected with the Interior of Alaska.

AND YOUR MEMORIALIST WILL EVER PRAY.

Passed by the Senate, March 27, 1941.

Passed by the House, March 27, 1941.