

Territory of Alaska, respectfully prays for the enactment into law of H. R. 349 by the Congress of the United States.

AND YOUR MEMORIALIST WILL EVER PRAY.

Passed by the House, February 9, 1943.

Passed by the Senate, February 15, 1943.

HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 3

TO THE HONORABLE FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, WAR PRODUCTION BOARD, THE HONORABLE ANTHONY J. DIMOND, DELEGATE FROM ALASKA, AND TO THE HONORABLE ERNEST GRUENING, GOVERNOR OF ALASKA:

Your Memorialist, the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska, in Sixteenth regular session assembled, respectfully represents:

WHEREAS, the closing down of gold mining operations is a serious blow to the revenue of the Territory and has resulted in throwing out of profitable employment a considerable number of elderly men who are physically unable to contribute to the war effort but who, despite their advanced years, are able and willing to do their utmost to keep industry going and thereby, in some degree, assist the Nation to bring the war to a successful end; and

WHEREAS, we fully appreciate the grounds upon which the closure order was made, nevertheless we are of the opinion that there are situations and conditions in this Territory which would justify a modification thereof; and

WHEREAS, there are hydraulic and other small mines located in out-of-way sections of the Territory which are fully equipped and could be operated without in any way interfering with the war effort and would be operated were it not for said order; and

WHEREAS, there are in this Territory many men who have followed the occupation of miners for the better part of their lives and who cannot be used in war work on account of their advanced age, or for other reasons, but who could operate said mines in the manner aforesaid and without consuming thereby any material

essential to the successful prosecution of the war, except a limited amount of gasoline and lubricating oil; and

WHEREAS, the closing of all gold mining operations permanently will result in depopulating entirely certain settlements in Alaska, some of which are in remote places, and which settlements are of great importance to the defense plans of the Territory by reason of the fact that it is of great value to have population centers in as many places as possible, even although they are small, than to have vast areas uninhabited.

NOW THEREFORE, in view of these facts we respectfully suggest that the Order requiring cessation of gold mining in this Territory be modified so that hydraulic and other small mines may be operated, with the further restriction that no essential war material be consumed in connection therewith save and except such as may be on hand now, and such limited amount of gasoline or lubricating oil as may be obtainable for private use in the section of the Territory where such mining is conducted.

AND YOUR MEMORIALIST WILL EVER PRAY.

Passed by the House, February 24, 1943.

Passed by the Senate, March 13, 1943.

SENATE SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE JOINT

MEMORIAL NO. 5

TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES; TO THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES; TO THE POSTMASTER GENERAL AND TO THE HONORABLE A. J. DIMOND, DELEGATE TO CONGRESS FROM ALASKA:

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

That for the past year or more a great amount of confusion and delay has been experienced in the handling of the United States mail to and from the Territory of Alaska, which has been and now is a great handicap to all residents of the Territory of Alaska, officials of the government, both federal and territorial, contractors