

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.

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## 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

engaged in defense projects, those engaged in essential lines of business and all others, entailing long and unwarranted delays in receiving and sending mail, great additional expense and loss of letters and enclosures.

That part of this delay may be attributed to war conditions, but a far larger part is apparently due to inefficiency, carelessness and officials' restrictions, and censorship.

The mails intended for points in Southeastern Alaska and for the interior of Alaska via Juneau are frequently loaded on steamers which do not call at Juneau, and they are carried to other points and thus delayed several weeks, sometimes months, in reaching their destination.

That with the existing mail facilities, the mail service to and from Alaska could be greatly improved and the time of delivery greatly shortened without any interference with the defense of the country or the war activities of the Army and Navy.

That mail between Alaska and the United States is censored in Seattle, and this alone entails great delay, inconvenience and annoyance.

That some form of censorship of certain mail to and from the Territory may be necessary in time of war, but it seems that the Alaska censorship has been carried to extremes in many instances and apparently carried beyond the real purpose of wartime censorship.

That it developed at a hearing in Washington before a congressional committee that those censoring the Alaska mail had in many instances taken extracts from letters passing to and from Alaska, oftentimes constituting official mail, and had published these extracts from letters much to the annoyance and inconvenience of federal and territorial officials and other inhabitants of the Territory.

That we realize in time of war all people of every part of the country should be ready and willing to accept inconveniences, sacrifices and hardship wherever it is necessary for the common good, but the inconveniences and annoyances caused by some of the present practices of those engaged in censoring Alaska mail do not seem to furnish any contribution to the nation's defense, but have the opposite effect and are a positive detriment and additional burden to all people using the mails.

NOW, THEREFORE, your Memorialist respectfully and most earnestly prays that an immediate investigation be made of the

handling of the mails to and from Alaska; that a little more care be exercised in dispatching mail both ways; that the censorship be investigated and so administered as to meet the requirements of the nation while at war, and that the practice of taking or publishing extracts from letters which have no bearing on national defense be immediately discontinued.

AND YOUR MEMORIALIST WILL EVER PRAY.

Passed by the House, March 5, 1943.

Passed by the Senate, March 15, 1943.

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### HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 7

TO THE HONORABLE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES,  
MEMBERS OF THE INTERNATIONAL FISHERIES COMMISSION,  
THE HONORABLE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR,  
THE HONORABLE DELEGATE FROM ALASKA, THE DIRECTOR OF THE FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE:

We, your Memorialists, the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska, respectfully represent that:

WHEREAS, the fishing of halibut in the waters contiguous to the coast of Alaska is controlled by the regulations of the International Fisheries Commission organized pursuant to the Pacific Halibut Fisheries Convention between the United States of America and the Dominion of Canada signed January 29, 1937; and

WHEREAS, the waters adjacent to the coast of Alaska are divided into areas and each area is permitted a production of a fixed number of pounds of halibut each year and closed to commercial fishing for halibut when the quota in an area is caught therefrom; and

WHEREAS, the fishing of salmon by trollers occurs in areas from which halibut are also caught; and in the ordinary and usual course of catching salmon by means of trolling a certain percentage of halibut are also caught; and

WHEREAS, the fishing for salmon continues in some areas after the same is closed to commercial halibut fishing; and