

House Memorials

HOUSE MEMORIAL NO. 1

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

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

That there are vast areas in the Territory of Alaska of unoccupied, unappropriated, non-productive and unused land, some of which is suited to agricultural purposes, some contains mineral, much of it contains timber, and, from all indications, petroleum and other valuable products.

That the paramount need of the Territory in times of peace is further settlement, and the development of all its known and potential resources.

That the present war has taken into the armed forces of the United States great numbers of young men constituting the overwhelming majority of all those who are physically fit, for military service, and that these men, residents of the Territory, are the ones upon whom the nation must rely for the future settlement and development of the Territory.

NOW, THEREFORE, your Memorialist respectfully prays that Congress enact the necessary legislation for the purpose of granting to every resident of Alaska now in the armed forces of the United States, and every branch thereof, upon his honorable discharge, not to exceed one hundred sixty (160) acres of unappropriated land or public domain in the Territory, whether agricultural, mineral or timber lands or land suited to any other purpose, in connection with the settlement and development of the Territory, to be selected by the applicant, and that United States patent therefor be issued upon the filing of an application and the approval of a survey of the land selected.

AND YOUR MEMORIALIST WILL EVER PRAY.

Passed by the House, March 24, 1943.