

HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 20

TO THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR, TO THE SECRETARY OF WAR, TO THE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE FEDERAL WORKS AGENCY, AND TO THE DELEGATE TO CONGRESS FROM ALASKA:

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

WHEREAS, hundreds of boats are engaged in fishing annually in the bays and inlets, as well as in the open ocean, along the western shore of Prince of Wales Island in Southeastern Alaska; and

WHEREAS, the principal canneries and the home port for many of these boats are located in and around the City of Ketchikan; and

WHEREAS, many thousands of hours of time are consumed by the thousands engaged in fishing in these ports because in order to get to the City of Ketchikan all of these boats must now travel south around the tip of Prince of Wales Island and then north up to the City of Ketchikan, a trip of about one hundred miles through very treacherous waters; and

WHEREAS, it is possible to save this unnecessary waste of manpower, gasoline, wear and tear on boats if a channel were constructed across Prince of Wales Island between two points covering a distance of a little less than four miles at a point where the terrain is neither hilly nor mountainous; and

WHEREAS, the construction of such a channel at this point would facilitate not only the hazardous work of the thousands engaged in the fishing industry, but bring into closer communication the City of Ketchikan with the cities of Klawak, Craig and Hyda-burg, thereby stimulating trade and commerce between these important communities; and

WHEREAS, it is possible to construct such a channel at the place suggested at very little cost;

NOW, THEREFORE, your Memorialist, the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska, respectfully prays that appropriate action be taken immediately to construct such a channel from the head of

Hetta Inlet on the west coast of Prince of Wales Island at Sulzer, to the west arm of Cholmondeley Sound on the east coast of Prince of Wales Island.

AND YOUR MEMORIALIST WILL EVER PRAY.

Passed by the House, March 20, 1945.

Passed by the Senate, March 22, 1945.

HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 21

TO THE HONORABLE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES
AND THE HONORABLE E. L. BARTLETT, DELEGATE FROM
ALASKA:

Your Memorialist, the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska in Seventeenth Session assembled, respectfully represents that:

WHEREAS, a previous Presidential Executive Order has withdrawn public lands in the Matanuska Valley in the Palmer Recording Precinct, Third Judicial Division, Territory of Alaska, from Homestead entry; and

WHEREAS, a Presidential Executive Order has been issued rescinding part of previous Presidential Executive Order which limits the settlement of public lands in the Matanuska Valley to applicants qualified and accepted by the Alaska Rural Rehabilitation Corporation; and

WHEREAS, this latter Presidential Executive Order pertaining to public lands in the said Matanuska Valley is hindering and preventing the settlement and use of said public lands; and

WHEREAS, it is hereby urgently requested that the last act passed by Congress giving the Alaska Rural Rehabilitation Corporation control over the settlement of said public lands in the Matanuska Valley be repealed, and the public lands revert to the jurisdiction of the United States General Land Office;