

NOW, THEREFORE, Your Memorialist respectfully prays that the Presidential Executive Orders which were responsible for the withdrawing of the Public Lands in the Matanuska Valley from homestead entry and which has given the authority over to the Alaska Rural Rehabilitation Corporation be rescinded; and the Act passed by the last Congress giving the Alaska Rural Rehabilitation Corporation control over the sale of this land, be repealed and the power reverting to the General Land Office.

AND YOUR MEMORIALIST WILL EVER PRAY.

Passed by the House, March 14, 1945.

Passed by the Senate, March 21, 1945.

HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 22

TO THE UNITED STATES SENATE, TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, 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, the people of Alaska realize that the future of the Territory in no small measure depends upon the settlement in Alaska of considerable numbers of people; and

WHEREAS, many efforts have been made to assist groups in settling permanently in Alaska; and

WHEREAS, the people of the Territory have during the last few years considered a number of proposals for the settlement of large groups of different peoples; and

WHEREAS, each of the said proposals has been rejected on the grounds that the Territory, incorporated into the Union of States, should be considered an integral part of the United States and not a part set aside for the indiscriminate and wholesale dumping of peoples of different races and nationalities; and

WHEREAS, H. R. 2499, introduced in the House of Representatives by Mr. Case of South Dakota, if enacted, would permit the admission as non-quota immigrants into the Territory of Alaska persons of Finnish descent who have served honorably in the land or naval forces of the United Nations;

NOW, THEREFORE, your Memorialist, the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska, respectfully prays that H. R. 2499, authorizing and directing the Attorney General of the United States to admit to the Territory of Alaska as non-quota immigrants for permanent residence in such Territory, Finnish persons or persons of Finnish descent, who have been honorably discharged from service in or with the land or naval forces of any of the United Nations, and their wives and children, should not pass unless the bill be so amended that the Finnish persons wishing to settle in this country be permitted to enter the United States generally on a non-quota basis and to settle in Alaska in the same manner and on the same terms as in any State of the Union, should it be their wish to do so.

AND YOUR MEMORIALIST WILL EVER PRAY.

Passed by the House, March 14, 1945.

Passed by the Senate, March 16, 1945.