

WHEREAS, the United States Fish and Wildlife Service has failed for the lack of funds to construct facilities to increase the salmon spawning acreage within the salmon spawning areas of Alaska; and

WHEREAS, an increase of population within the Territory of Alaska would be encouraged by additional salmon spawning areas or additional acreage;

NOW, THEREFORE, your Memorialist, the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska, respectfully prays that the Congress of the United States appropriate the sum of five million dollars to the Fish and Wildlife Service of the United States Department of the Interior to be used over a period of four years for the purpose of reconverting, improving and increasing, during the postwar period, the salmon spawning areas within the Territory.

AND YOUR MEMORIALIST WILL EVER PRAY.

Passed by the House, February 20, 1945.

Passed by the Senate, March 15, 1945.

HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 7

TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, TO THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES, TO THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR AND TO THE DELEGATE FROM ALASKA:

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

WHEREAS, Article III of the Treaty with Russia, dated March 30, 1867, guarantees that all persons in the Territory SHALL BE ADMITTED TO THE ENJOYMENT OF ALL THE RIGHTS, ADVANTAGES AND IMMUNITIES OF THE CITIZENS OF THE UNITED STATES: and

WHEREAS, the Territory of Alaska was expressly incorporated into the Union of States by the Congress of the United States under

Section 3 of the Organic Act. Act of August 24, 1912, 37 Stat. 512; and

WHEREAS, a long line of judicial decisions recognized that the Territory of Alaska is part and parcel of the United States and is bound to the United States as is each of the other States of the Union, **Rasmussen v. United States**, 197 U.S. 516; and

WHEREAS, the incorporation of a territory into the United States has, on each previous occasion since the founding of the Government of the United States, been a step directly preceding statehood; and

WHEREAS, the Territory of Alaska has demonstrated its ability beyond any question of doubt, over the many years, in caring after its own affairs, by providing sufficient facilities for education, health, and by providing for the general welfare of its people; and

WHEREAS, the people of the Territory, since its incorporation into the Union, have conducted themselves in orderly manner, without riot, bloodshed, civil disturbances or disobedience at the polls or in the general conduct of its affairs; and

WHEREAS, the people of the Territory have contributed more than its proportionate share, through voluntary enlistment and through the Selective Service, to the armed forces of the United States in the present conflict, as well as in the great war of a generation ago; and

WHEREAS, the principle of self-determination has been recognized by the Government of the United States since its inception; and

WHEREAS, it has been the policy of the Government of the United States to extend local autonomy to every possible degree to the peoples of its territories and possessions; and

WHEREAS, the Government of the United States has continually advocated and taken the leadership in the family of nations, to put into practice the principle of self-government and the extension of home rule; and

WHEREAS, the people of the Territory have, on each occasion, through meetings, editorials, memorials and demonstrations, ex-

pressed themselves as being overwhelmingly in favor of statehood; and

WHEREAS, the Territory of Alaska has fulfilled all of its obligations admirably and complies with all prerequisites for statehood;

NOW, THEREFORE, your Memorialist, the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska, respectfully urges that the Congress of the United States, by appropriate action, provide for the admission of the Territory of Alaska as the forty-ninth State of the Union, with full control of all natural resources.

AND YOUR MEMORIALIST WILL EVER PRAY.

Passed by the House, February 6, 1945.

Passed by the Senate, February 26, 1945.

HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 8

TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, TO THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR, E. L. BARTLETT, DELEGATE TO CONGRESS, AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEES ON TERRITORIES OF BOTH THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE UNITED STATES:

Your Memorialist, the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska in Seventeenth Session assembled does most respectfully represent that;

WHEREAS, the people of Alaska desiring the fullest measure of self-government are requesting Congress to grant them Statehood at the earliest opportunity; and

WHEREAS, it has been indicated that any specification on Statehood may have to be deferred until the close of the present war; and