

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.

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### 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

WHEREAS, the people of Alaska while appreciating that such delay may be necessary, nevertheless desire to achieve the greatest measure of self-government at the earliest opportunity; and

WHEREAS, this administration has recommended to Congress that the people of Puerto Rico be permitted to elect their own Governor; and

WHEREAS, the people of Alaska deem themselves fully qualified and capable at the present time to exercise all the duties and prerogatives of full citizens,

NOW, THEREFORE, Your Memorialist, the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska, respectfully petitions the Congress of the United States to amend the Organic Act for Alaska to permit the people of Alaska to elect their own Governor.

AND YOUR MEMORIALIST WILL EVER PRAY.

Passed by the House, February 19, 1945.

Passed by the Senate, March 5, 1945.

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## HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 10

TO THE HONORABLE FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, AND THE HONORABLE FRANK T. HINES, ADMINISTRATOR OF VETERANS' ADMINISTRATION:

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

WHEREAS, the Act of Congress, dated June 22, 1944, known as the "Servicemen's Readjustment Act of 1944" or more commonly known as the "G. I. Bill of Rights", makes provision for the hospitalization, education, rehabilitation and the giving of financial assistance to returning veterans to engage in business, commerce, trade or agriculture; and