

## SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 13

TO THE HIGHWAY ENGINEER AND THE TERRITORIAL BOARD  
OF ROAD COMMISSIONERS:

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

WHEREAS, the development of Alaska depends almost wholly upon the opening up and extension of roads and airfields in the Territory; and,

WHEREAS, the areas around Chicken and Wade have great mining possibilities and before gold mining was discontinued by order of the Federal Government, several hundred thousand dollars in gold per annum was taken from that area; and,

WHEREAS, there are fifty mining properties and four dredges in the vicinity of Chicken and Wade, which employs a minimum of 150 men in normal times, and there are from 70 to 120 persons living in the areas; and,

WHEREAS, cheap transportation can be furnished by the building of a winter sled road from East Tok Junction on the Alaska Highway to the villages of Chicken and Wade, at a very moderate cost; and,

WHEREAS, the building of this road would result in greatly decreasing the cost of supplies and equipment necessary for mining, which costs are now excessive, as the cost of diesel oil is 65c per gallon; and other costs are proportionately high;

NOW, THEREFORE, your Memorialist respectfully petitions and prays that the Territorial Board of Road Commissioners take steps immediately for the construction of a winter sled road from East Tok Junction on the Alaska Highway to the villages of Chicken and Wade, and to expend the necessary funds for that purpose from the funds provided and appropriated by the Legislature for the construction of public roads.

AND YOUR MEMORIALIST WILL EVER PRAY.

Passed by the Senate March 6, 1945.

Passed by the House March 16, 1945.