

WHEREAS, a continuation of such a policy will lead to placing most of Alaska in reservations and curb its development and the welfare of its people; and

WHEREAS, it has been through the years the announced policy in connection with public lands in the nation to make them available to the people, thus building a great and virile nation of strong and independent people; and

WHEREAS, the actions of the present Secretary of the Interior, the Honorable Harold L. Ickes, are in direct conflict with this policy;

NOW, THEREFORE, your Memorialist, the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska, in Seventeenth regular session assembled, respectfully petitions the Congress of the United States through its proper committee to immediately investigate the policies of the Secretary of the Interior relating to land withdrawals in Alaska that relief may be granted the people of the Territory from the ever-growing burden resulting from his policies, and that copies of this memorial be sent to the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Honorable E. L. Bartlett, Delegate to Congress from Alaska; the Public Lands and Surveys Committee of the Senate and the Public Lands Committee of the House of Representatives.

AND YOUR MEMORIALIST WILL EVER PRAY.

Passed by the Senate February 13, 1945.

Passed by the House March 15, 1945.

SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 2

TO THE UNITED STATES SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES IN CONGRESS ASSEMBLED, TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE, TO THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR AND TO THE DELEGATE FROM ALASKA:

Your Memorialist, the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska, respectfully represents that:

WHEREAS, the United States Army for military purposes recently constructed a road from Haines, Alaska to connect with the Alaska Highway at a place called Dezadeash in Yukon Territory, Canada; and

WHEREAS, this road going in a northwesterly direction from Haines traverses approximately 42 miles of American territory—a part of the Territory of Alaska — and then passes through northern British Columbia and southern Yukon Territory to the main United States-Canadian boundary on the 141st Meridian; and

WHEREAS, the area through which this route passes in British Columbia and Yukon Territory and lying southerly and southwesterly therefrom is virtually unpopulated and is not known to be of any special or considerable value or importance; and

WHEREAS, the Dominion of Canada and Alaska now embrace hundreds of thousands of square miles of similar terrain of which practically no use is being made; and

WHEREAS, the Canadian Government to the present moment has not made any commitment as to the maintenance of any part of the highway lying in Canada; and

WHEREAS, it is deemed desirable that the entire length of the road between Haines and the main United States-Canadian boundary lying on the 141st Meridian should be brought under the jurisdiction of the United States in order that there might be direct communication between the people of the United States and people residing in the Territory of Alaska; and

WHEREAS, it has been suggested that a transfer might be effected between the Governments of the United States and Canada so as to give the Canadian Government ample compensation for that part of their land which we desire, either in cash or by conveyance to Canada of a tract of land of approximately the same area lying north of 66° North Latitude and east of the 144th meridian; and

WHEREAS, the people of Alaska deem it important to the development of Alaska, as proposed by the President of the United States after his recent visit to the Territory, to bring the Territory in more direct communication with continental United States;

NOW, THEREFORE, your Memorialist, the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska, does respectfully pray that negotiations be

entered into immediately with the Canadian Government for the exchange, sale, lease or transfer of so much of the territory lying in British Columbia and the Yukon Territory as may be necessary in order that the whole road for its entire length might be brought under the jurisdiction of the Government of the United States.

AND YOUR MEMORIALIST WILL EVER PRAY.

Passed by the Senate February 5, 1945

Passed by the House March 15, 1945.

SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 3

TO THE HONORABLE THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES, TO THE HONORABLE HENRY L. STIMSON, SECRETARY OF WAR AND TO THE HONORABLE E. L. BARTLETT, DELEGATE TO CONGRESS FROM ALASKA:

Your Memorialist, the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska, respectfully represents that:

WHEREAS, the community of Tenakee, Tenakee Inlet, Alaska is the center of a large fishing area and is utilized by a large number of fishermen; and

WHEREAS, there is no harbor or safe anchorage at or near said Tenakee and on account thereof those operating in the waters adjacent thereto are required, on the approach of severe and sudden storms, to run for shelter to distant ports, all of which entails great risk of loss of life and property as well as heavy expense; NOW THEREFORE

Your Memorialist, the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska in Seventeenth Session assembled, respectfully urges that the United States Government improve the harbor and build a breakwater at Tenakee, Alaska, as soon after World War II as it can reasonably be done.

AND YOUR MEMORIALIST WILL EVER PRAY.

Passed by the Senate, February 17, 1945.

Passed by the House, March 14, 1945.