

WHEREAS, it is the universal opinion that Alaska will be the scene of great development immediately after the cessation of hostilities and that air transportation will play an important role therein; and

WHEREAS, such development will assure the profitable operation of many lines of air service between this Territory and the continental United States:

NOW, THEREFORE, your Memorialist respectfully expresses the considered opinion that Alaska offers ample opportunity for the profitable operation of one or more airlines on each route connecting the continental United States with the Territory, and prays that certificates of authority be granted to responsible Alaskan lines now under consideration by the Board.

AND YOUR MEMORIALIST WILL EVER PRAY.

Passed by the Senate, March 10, 1945.

Passed by the House, March 22, 1945.

SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 21

TO THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR, TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, TO THE SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE, TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON TERRITORIES AND INSULAR AFFAIRS, TO THE HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE, TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TERRITORIES, 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, all of the judicial power of the Territory is vested in four Federal District Courts; and

WHEREAS, no inferior courts are provided for under the Organic Act of the Territory except that it provides for the appointment of commissioners to exercise generally powers ordinarily delegated to the county and municipal courts; and

WHEREAS, the commissioner in Alaska is not only a committing magistrate as he is in the States, but he is also the precinct recorder, justice of the peace, coroner, probate judge; and

WHEREAS, there is no county form of government in Alaska, the commissioner takes the place of the county recorder, the vital statistics officer, the county probate judge, the county coroner and justice of the peace; and

WHEREAS, wherever in Alaska there is a community too far distant from the headquarters of the District Court, the only other court in Alaska is the office of the commissioner exercising the functions of the county offices in the States; and

WHEREAS, without the commissioner minor crimes would go unpunished, no estates could be probated, no investigations be made of deaths by illegal means, no mining claims be recorded, no primary or general elections be held, no minor civil cases be tried and no vital statistics be kept; and

WHEREAS, even the smallest communities in Alaska under the present conditions of communication and travel are dependent upon the services mentioned; and

WHEREAS, no other court has the jurisdiction of the commissioner under present law; and

WHEREAS, the Congress of the United States has, since the adoption of the provision defining the duties of the commissioners on June 6, 1900, failed to redefine such powers and duties; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative to redefine the duties at this time in view of postwar development now contemplated; and

WHEREAS, it is impossible to obtain the services of competent personnel to serve as commissioners under existing law;

NOW, THEREFORE, Your Memorialist, the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska, respectfully prays that the Congress of the United States enact H. R. 2262 introduced by Mr. Bartlett, delegate of the Territory on February 19, 1945.

AND YOUR MEMORIALIST WILL EVER PRAY.

Passed by the Senate March 8, 1945.

Passed by the House March 22, 1945.