

SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 22

TO THE HONORABLE FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT, PRESIDENT
OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE HONOR-
ABLE HAROLD L. ICKES, SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR:

We, your Memorialist, the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska, in Seventeenth Session regularly assembled, having had called to our attention a proposed reservation to include the Indian or native school at White Mountain on Fish River, in the Second Judicial Division of the Territory of Alaska, and embracing upwards of one million acres, we respectfully represent that said proposed reservation is largely mineral ground belonging to the Government of the United States, and that the same has been and is being extensively prospected and mined for minerals;

That within said proposed area many locations of mineral claims have been made and extensive mining operations are now actually being carried on and large amounts of mineral extracted therefrom, and that several hundreds of thousands of dollars is now invested in said area in the mining and development thereof.

That to preclude, by reservation, future prospecting and development of the mineral resources of said area would greatly injure the people of the Second Division of the Territory of Alaska in carrying on one of the basic industries of the Territory.

WHEREFORE, your Memorialist respectfully prays that no further reservations be made in the Territory of Alaska which would injure or impair its future mining development, and particularly that no reservation be made of said White Mountain area above referred to.

AND YOUR MEMORIALIST WILL EVER PRAY.

Passed by the Senate March 20, 1945.

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