

SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 4

TO THE HONORABLE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE AND THE HONORABLE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES:

Your Memorialist, the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska in 17th Regular Session assembled, respectfully represents:

WHEREAS, the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska is convinced that its vast homeland holds opportunities for settlement and development which can be made to contribute substantially to the solution of the Nation's problem of assisting veterans of the armed forces and discharged war workers to find means of making a satisfactory living for themselves and their families at the close of the war; and

WHEREAS, the establishment of a system of arterial highways and lateral roads is a primary prerequisite to such settlement and development of this frontier region; and

WHEREAS, the military roads which have been constructed in Alaska during the past three years to connect the great interior river valleys with the port of Haines at the head of the Inside Passage and with other points on the seacoast, can be improved at moderate cost to serve as arterial highways of the needed postwar road system of Alaska; and

WHEREAS, the dearth of roads in Alaska at the present time (2,200 miles of all classes) is due, in large part, to the fact that Alaska is not covered by the Federal Highway Act of 1921, which has been chiefly responsible for the substantial and continuing program of road development that has been followed throughout the whole of continental United States, Puerto Rico and Hawaii over the past 25 years,

NOW, THEREFORE, your Memorialist, the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska, does respectfully pray that the Congress of the United States take the necessary action to extend to Alaska, under such conditions as Congress may deem advisable, the provisions of the Federal Highway Act and subsequent acts amendatory thereto or based thereon, including especially the "Federal Aid Highway Act of 1944."

AND YOUR MEMORIALIST WILL EVER PRAY.

Passed by the Senate February 17, 1945.

Passed by the House March 15, 1945.