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HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 18

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

Your Memorialist, the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska, in Nineteenth Regular Session assembled, respectfully submits:

WHEREAS, the residents of the incorporated town of Yakutat, Alaska, are largely dependent upon the fishing industry for their livelihood; and

WHEREAS, during the five months of the fishing season, some 120 fishermen of whom approximately 90 are residents of Yakutat spend the bulk of their time on the fishing grounds at Situck River, some 10 miles from the town of Yakutat; and

WHEREAS, a majority of the Yakutat fishermen move their families to the fishing grounds at Situck River during the fishing season; and

WHEREAS, there is no adequate harbor at Situck River and travel by boat from Yakutat to Situck River is not only hazardous but is also impossible during a great part of the fishing season; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the fishermen to transport their fish to Yakutat for sale; and

WHEREAS, the only overland means of transportation between Yakutat and Situck River is a privately operated railroad owned by Libby McNeil & Libby; and

WHEREAS, individual fishermen who attempt to sell their fish to other buyers than Libby McNeil & Libby are denied use of said railroad; and

WHEREAS, such situation places the fishermen at the mercy of Libby McNeil & Libby and does not permit the development of free enterprise; and

WHEREAS, by the construction of a new road for three miles, together with minor repairs to four miles of the presently existing seven miles of road the populace of Yakutat would have an overland route between Yakutat and their fishing grounds at Situck River;

NOW THEREFORE, your memorialist, the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska, respectfully prays that necessary steps be taken to provide for the construction of three miles of new road connecting Yakutat with the fishing grounds at Situck River.

AND YOUR MEMORIALIST WILL EVER PRAY.

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Passed by the Senate March 17, 1949.

Approved by the Governor March 19, 1949.

HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 19

TO DR. EARL ALBRECHT, TERRITORIAL COMMISSIONER OF HEALTH:

Your Memorialist, the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska, in Nineteenth Regular Session assembled, respectfully submits:

WHEREAS, the Town of Kotzebue near the mouths of the Kobuk and Noatak Rivers on the shores of the Arctic Ocean, is a community of between 300 and 400 people, with 700 or 800 in the summertime, and serve as the transportation gateway to all of the