

HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 21

TO THE DEPARTMENT OF THE U. S. ARMY, THE OFFICE OF CHIEF OF ENGINEERS, U. S. ARMY, AND THE U. S. DISTRICT ENGINEERS:

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

WHEREAS, the City of Fairbanks, as the hub of national defense activity in interior Alaska, has more than doubled in population during the last seven years because of extensive national defense construction projects and military training operations; and,

WHEREAS, said projects and military operations have engendered vast amounts of traffic, including heavy vehicles and equipment, which overtax the traffic facilities of said town and especially the narrow bridge across the Chena River in the center of town; and,

WHEREAS, said bridge, which was built for light traffic many years ago, is too narrow to allow wide vehicles to pass each other thereon and has become a bottleneck to traffic in said town and constitutes the only bridge facilities across said river; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Fairbanks, which suffers from a financial overload with respect to schools, street maintenance and other civic responsibilities traceable to the influx of people engendered by virtue of said national defense activity, and is not able to finance a modern bridge of the size and capacity necessary to meet the needs of all concerned;

NOW THEREFORE, your memorialist, the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska, urges that Federal authorities and the town council of Fairbanks cooperate in arriving at necessary arrangements for the construction of a new bridge across the Chena and that Federal money be made available for the construction of said bridge.

AND YOUR MEMORIALIST WILL EVER PRAY.

Passed by the House, March 14, 1949.

Passed by the Senate, March 17, 1949.

Approved by the Governor March 19, 1949.