

## HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 22

TO THE HONORABLE HARRY S. TRUMAN, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES; THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES; THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR AND THE DELEGATE FROM ALASKA:

Your Memorialist, the Senate of the Alaska Legislature, in Nineteenth Regular Session assembled, respectfully represents that:

WHEREAS, the United States continues to depend on many foreign sources for its supply of strategic and critical minerals; and,

WHEREAS, attempts to procure minerals and metals from foreign sources in time of war is hazardous and costly in the extreme; and,

WHEREAS, many of these strategic and critical minerals are known to occur in Alaska, but have not been mined owing to various economic factors; and,

WHEREAS, stockpiling has been deemed the only satisfactory means of insuring an adequate supply of these strategic and critical minerals for any future emergency; and,

WHEREAS, the time required as well as the critical shortages of man-power and materials, prevents the effective development, mining and utilization of unworked domestic mineral deposits following the outbreak of war emergencies; and,

WHEREAS, strategic and critical minerals and metals are non-perishable and never become obsolete and when placed in government stockpiles they represent an investment having a completely recoverable market value as an indispensable investment for the security of the people of the United States and Alaska; and,

WHEREAS, there have been introduced into the Congress of the United States two measures, H. R. 976 and H. R. 2031, designed to effectuate the exploration and production of strategic and critical minerals through a program of stockpiling;

NOW THEREFORE, your Memorialist, the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska, in Nineteenth Regular Session assembled, urges

that H. R. 976 and H. R. 2031 or other suitable legislation be enacted by the Congress of the United States to stimulate the exploration, development, mining, production and conservation of strategic and critical minerals and metals within the United States and Alaska by providing assured markets and adequate prices over a minimum period of time.

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.

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TO THE DIRECTOR OF THE BUDGET OF THE UNITED STATES; TO THE HONORABLE JAMES FORRESTAL, SECRETARY OF DEFENSE; TO THE HONORABLE KENNETH ROYALL, DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY; TO THE HONORABLE JULIUS KRUG, SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR; TO LT. GEN. TWINING, COMMANDING GENERAL, ALASKAN COMMAND; TO THE HONORABLE E. L. BARTLETT, DELEGATE TO CONGRESS FROM ALASKA; AND COLONEL JOHN R. NOYES, COMMISSIONER OF ROADS FOR ALASKA:

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

WHEREAS, The Port of Valdez, Alaska is one of the most easily accessible all year around ports on Alaska's coastline; and,

WHEREAS, The Richardson Highway, extending north from a coastal terminus at Valdez, affords a speedy, natural, means of supply to the Interior sections of Alaska; and,

WHEREAS, During the last war, as many as 1000 tons of freight per day were transported north out of Valdez, Via the Richardson Highway; and,