

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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### HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 23

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,

WHEREAS, Since the termination of the late war, considerable advantageous construction has been accomplished along the Richardson Highway, making said highway a much faster road than it was during the war years; and,

WHEREAS, Further major improvement along said highway is contemplated over the next period of years; and,

WHEREAS, The Alaska Railroad, extending north from Seward, Alaska, offers the sole year-around transportation facility from Alaska's coast to the Interior; and,

WHEREAS, Our Government of the United States has extensive bases of defense for the nation situated in the northern reaches of the Territory; and,

WHEREAS, Our Government is undertaking a rapid expansion of those bases; and,

WHEREAS, It seems an obvious fact that, from a standpoint of defense logic, and also for the basis of establishing a stable civil economy, more year-around transportation avenues from Alaska's coast to the Interior are desperately necessary;

NOW, THEREFORE, Your Memorialist, the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska, submits that year-around usage of the Richardson Highway, from Valdez to Fairbanks, is vitally necessary to guarantee continuous supply to our Armed Forces in the Interior of Alaska and also submits that year-around maintenance of this Highway would materially benefit the civil economy of northern Alaska. The Alaska Legislature respectfully prays that the officials to whom this Memorial is directed, lend their united effort toward placing the Richardson Highway on a continuous twelve-month usage basis.

AND YOUR MEMORIALIST WILL EVER PRAY.

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