

WHEREAS, drafts of proposed amendments were transmitted by the Commission to the Department of State in 1946 for study and presentation to the two contracting governments, with a view to their adoption and ratification.

NOW, THEREFORE, your Memorialist, the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska, respectfully urges that immediate attention be given the matter of incorporating said amendments in the Convention aforesaid.

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 21, 1949.

HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 28

TO THE TERRITORIAL BOARD OF EDUCATION AND THE
COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION:

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

WHEREAS, the town of Kenai, Alaska, presently has a school enrollment of 74 pupils who are attending school in a wholly inadequate and unsafe building; and,

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Education plans to erect a new school building at Kenai during the summer of 1949; and,

WHEREAS, a recent survey shows that there are presently living in the Kenai area 96 children of pre-school age, all of whom will be of school age within the next five years, while only 15 of the 74 pupils presently enrolled are of an age permitting their graduation from said school system within said five year period, thereby showing a potential enrollment totaling 155 pupils within the next five years; and,

WHEREAS, the completion of the Seward-Homer Highway, together with the opening of additional lands for homesteading in the Kenai area, as indicated by the recent filings of 110 entrymen in said area points to an even greater increase in population; and,

WHEREAS, the residents of Kenai have been assured that they will be granted a townsite within the next six months, which development will also increase the population and correspondingly increase the school enrollment; and,

WHEREAS, past experiences have demonstrated that wooden school buildings in rural areas are unsatisfactory not only because of rapid deterioration, but also because the fire loss ratio is exceedingly high due to inadequate fire fighting equipment in most rural area; and,

WHEREAS, experience has shown that the average life of a wooden school building is 20 to 25 years, while a building of masonry and steel construction is practically permanent; and,

WHEREAS, the extra cost of constructing permanent school buildings is more than compensated for by the saving made in eliminating maintenance and replacement costs of temporary wooden buildings; and,

WHEREAS, there are available at Kenai sufficient quantities of sand and gravel for use in construction concrete or cement blocks; and,

WHEREAS, the townspeople of Kenai, through their own efforts have prepared and made available floor plans setting forth the school building needs of Kenai so designed as to make minimum provisions for present enrollment and still provide for future expansion of the basic plant;

NOW THEREFORE, your memorialist, the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska, urges that the Board of Education and the Commissioner of Education take earliest possible steps to provide the town of Kenai with an adequate school building of permanent construction, following as closely as feasible the plans outlined and made available by the townspeople of Kenai, and to likewise adopt a policy of permanent school construction with respect to other rural communities similarly situated.

AND YOUR MEMORIALIST WILL EVER PRAY.

Passed by the House, March 7, 1949.

Passed by the Senate, March 12, 1949.

Approved by the Governor March 15, 1949.

HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 29

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

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

WHEREAS, gas tax proceeds were earmarked for airports, harbor facilities and roads, and have been so applied during the time said tax has been in effect; and,

WHEREAS, many communities contributing to the fund are not now getting any benefit from the fund, particularly the smaller communities; and,

WHEREAS, Kake is one of the communities which has had little share in road appropriations and is one of the communities which has a high proportionate ownership of commercial fishing boats contributing to the fund through said gas tax; and,

WHEREAS, a segment of three miles was recently surveyed to relieve damages from storms by extending the road that additional distance to a better harbor during the winter months where boats may be anchored with safety; and,

WHEREAS, a small sawmill has recently been under construction approximately a mile beyond the end of the present road and has no road connection; and,

WHEREAS, said area has no difficult terrain and would aid the community to develop;