

AND YOUR MEMORIALIST WILL EVER PRAY.

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HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 31

TO THE OFFICE OF THE U. S. ENGINEERS AT SEATTLE,
WASHINGTON:

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

WHEREAS, the inside water route for the navigation of ships
between Juneau and Sitka runs through Neva Straits, which route is
shorter than the outside route and is of noteworthy scenic beauty;
and,

WHEREAS, there are two rocks near the center of the channel
of Neva Straits about forty miles from Sitka which are an extreme
hazard to navigation, causing consequent danger of loss of life and
property; and,

WHEREAS, it is most necessary that said rocks be blasted to a
mean depth of 30 feet so that clear passage would be afforded
for large passenger and freight vessels frequently using said route;
and,

WHEREAS, said rocks are located respectively as follows:

1. Large Rock: Lat. 57° 14' 54" North
Long. 135° 33' 50" West
2. Smaller Rock: Lat. 57° 14' 50" North
Long. 135° 33' 47" West

NOW THEREFORE, your Memorialist, the Legislature of the
Territory of Alaska, urges that appropriate arrangements be made

and action taken to blast the two rocks from the channel of Neva Straits near Sitka, which rocks constitute an extreme hazard to water navigation.

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