

AND YOUR MEMORIALIST WILL EVER PRAY.

Passed by the House March 22, 1949.

Approved by the Governor March 24, 1949.

HOUSE MEMORIAL NO. 22

TO THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR; THE DIRECTOR OF THE DIVISION OF TERRITORIES AND ISLAND POSSESSIONS; THE GENERAL MANAGER OF THE ALASKA RAILROAD AND THE DELEGATE IN CONGRESS FROM ALASKA:

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

WHEREAS, the people of Alaska have been informed it is the policy of the Interior Department to suspend operations on the Seward to Portage portion of the Alaska Railroad and to cease maintenance of the right-of-way on that portion of the line as soon as the Turnagain Arm Highway is connected through to the Kenai Peninsula road system, such connection expected to be accomplished in the fall of 1950; and,

WHEREAS, the interests of national defense and of the economic welfare of the Territory of Alaska require that alternatives of rail access to the communities of interior Alaska should be maintained in good condition; and,

WHEREAS, the act of Congress authorizing construction of the Alaska Railroad proclaimed such construction as being undertaken primarily in aid of economic development in the rail belt area; and,

WHEREAS, the growing needs of the Territory of Alaska demand that there should be not fewer, but more transportation facilities available in Alaska; and,

WHEREAS, the economic development of the Territory will be tremendously aided by the application of Stateside freight rates to

the Alaska Railroad as the increasing air transportation and highway transportation will gradually make it impossible for the Alaska Railroad to operate from its revenue.

NOW THEREFORE, your Memorialist, the House of Representatives of the Territory of Alaska, in Nineteenth Regular Session assembled, respectfully urges that the Department of the Interior, in consultation with the national defense officials and representatives of the Territory of Alaska, re-examine immediately the expressed policy with respect to the Seward to Portage portion of the Alaska Railroad with the objective of completely rehabilitating that portion of the line for service to the defense establishment and the civilian economy of the Territory of Alaska and providing for the application of Stateside freight rates to the Alaska Railroad.

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TO THE HONORABLE HARRY S. TRUMAN, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES; TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE AND THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES; TO THE HONORABLE E. L. BARTLETT, DELEGATE TO CONGRESS FOR THE TERRITORY OF ALASKA AND TO THE HONORABLE JULIUS A. KRUG, SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR:

Your memorialist, the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Alaska, respectfully represents:

H. R. No. 4059 introduced in the 80th Congress, commonly known as the Lemke Bill, for the purpose of authorizing the homesteading of lands in Alaska, was opposed and condemned by the overwhelming majority of Alaskan residents for many reasons which have been presented to the Public Lands Committee of the House of Representatives, United States Congress; and