

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.

AND YOUR MEMORIALIST WILL EVER PRAY.

Passed by the House, March 23, 1949.

Approved by the Governor March 24, 1949.

HOUSE MEMORIAL NO. 23

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

Senate Bill No. 533 introduced in the 81st Congress is even more objectionable and has been condemned by civic and veteran's organization throughout Alaska; and

WHEREAS, your memorialist finds the enactment of Senate Bill No. 533 would be an unwise departure from the historic land policies of the United States, retard the economic development of Alaska, preclude the orderly utilization of the resources of Alaska, make it almost impossible for any pulp or paper industry to become established in Alaska and would not accomplish the purpose expressed therein;

NOW THEREFORE, your memorialist respectfully urges that Senate Bill No. 533, 81st Congress not be enacted into law and that no consideration be given thereto without public hearings being held.

AND YOUR MEMORIALIST WILL EVER PRAY.

Passed by the House March 23, 1949.

Approved by the Governor, March 26, 1949.