

SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 10

TO THE PRESIDENT AND CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES, THE SECRETARY OF INTERIOR, THE DEPARTMENTS OF THE ARMY AND THE NAVY, THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE, THE OFFICE OF CHIEF OF ENGINEERS, U. S. ARMY, AND THE BUREAU OF RECLAMATION, ALL OF WASHINGTON, D. C.; AND THE ALASKA OFFICES OF THE FOLLOWING: U. S. DISTRICT ENGINEER, THE ALASKA RAILROAD, THE ALASKA ROAD COMMISSION, THE PUBLIC ROADS ADMINISTRATION, THE CIVIL AERONAUTICS AUTHORITY, AND THE COMMANDING GENERAL, DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY, ALASKA; AND TO THE DELEGATE IN CONGRESS FROM ALASKA:

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

WHEREAS, large percentages of the wealth produced and moneys expended in Alaska have long been drained out of Alaska and have not been available to circulate in and help develop the Territory's economy; and,

WHEREAS, many Federal government agencies have indicated and expressed an interest in a sound economic development of Alaska; and,

WHEREAS, many such Federal government agencies are now engaged in large scale construction of various projects in Alaska and are spending large sums of Federal funds in Alaska; and,

WHEREAS, most such agencies deal almost entirely with firms and individuals located outside of Alaska and enter into large contracts with stateside firms who employ and import practically all artisans and labor from stateside labor markets, often to the exclusion of, and to the detriment of, Alaskan labor; and,

WHEREAS, such firms and labor take practically all of their contractual earnings and profits to the States and leave little, if any, of such funds to turn over in Alaska toward developing the

Territory's economy, because of which Alaska's economy suffers severe dollar-buying-power shortages in the winter months; and,

WHEREAS, a sound, well developed economy functioning normally in Alaska is the most economical and safest adjunct to our military defense and security; and,

WHEREAS, in order to attain such a well developed normally functioning economy in Alaska it is necessary to encourage a sound technology comprising resident professional firms of engineers, architects, designers and their staffs, resident contracting firms, resident material supplying firms and resident tradesmen and labor groups; and,

WHEREAS, the present policy of most Federal government agencies charged with construction projects in Alaska is to enter into large contracts in such manner as to be beyond the reach of Alaska professional, contracting and material supply firms, making Alaska a "happy hunting ground" for a few large state-side firms who will leave no lasting contribution to Alaska's development; and,

WHEREAS, present policies of many such government agencies virtually exclude resident Alaskan firms and workers from participating in such large government projects to any material extent, and are shortsighted and restrictory in regard to Alaska's sound economic development and do not reflect a long-range consideration of the problem;

NOW THEREFORE, your Memorialist, the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska, respectfully urges that large government construction programs in Alaska be set up to allow the fullest participation of resident Alaskan firms of all sizes and types, to utilize Alaskan tradesmen and labor to the fullest possible extent, and to adjust the size of contracts to be let so that Alaskans are not excluded from a fair chance to participate, and that the policies adopted be broadened to include the long-range viewpoint of allowing as much of the government construction money as possible to remain in, and turn over in the Alaskan economy, for its ultimate development, rather than be rapidly drained off for the enrichment of a few stateside groups with little, if any, continuing interest in Alaska's development.

AND YOUR MEMORIALIST WILL EVER PRAY.

Passed by the Senate Febraury 10, 1949.

Passed by the House February 24, 1949.

Approved by the Governor March 5, 1949.

SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 11

TO THE SECRETARY OF WAR; CHIEF OF ENGINEERS, DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY; COMMISSIONER OF ROADS, ALASKA ROAD COMMISSION; AND THE DELEGATE TO CONGRESS FROM ALASKA:

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

WHEREAS, at Unalakleet, Alaska, at the mouth of the Unalakleet River, there is a large Civil Aeronautics airfield on a certified C. A. B. route, a beam station and weather bureau station, in addition to a two-room schoolhouse and a mission, besides trading posts and a population of about six hundred people, for which community a tonnage in supplies must be lightered each year from ship to shore at a point which is within the sheltered waters near the mouth of said river; and,

WHEREAS, a bar at the mouth of said river often delays such lightering, which adds to the cost of operations; and,

WHEREAS, between Unalakleet and Kaltag on the Yukon River, a distance of ninety miles, it is possible to construct a tram or road upon a water grade which could be used to save a water haul of six hundred miles against the current of the Yukon River and which could serve the whole of the country adjacent thereto at a great reduction in transportation cost with resultant benefit to the people in said area.

NOW THEREFORE, your Memorialist, the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska, respectfully requests that an investigation be made by the U. S. Engineers as to the feasibility of cutting a channel through said bar at the mouth of the Unalakleet River, and that the Alaska Road Commission investigate the possibility