

WHEREAS, the Congress has seen fit to waive provisions of the acts named to permit the transportation on foreign vessels of passengers between Rochester, New York and Alexandria Bay, New York, as well as freight and passengers between Alaskan points on the Yukon River, in both of which exempted areas the need to use Canadian vessels is less pressing than at Haines and Skagway, Alaska;

NOW THEREFORE, your Memorialist, the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska, in Nineteenth regular session assembled, respectfully urges that, without prejudice to Alaska's long-standing request for general exemption from the restrictive provisions of the Act of June 19, 1886, as amended (46 U.S.C. 289) and the Merchant Marine Act of 1920 as amended (46 U.S.C. 883), the Congress immediately enact legislation to waive the provisions of these acts as they apply to the ports of Haines and Skagway, Alaska, to the end that passengers and freight may be moved in Canadian vessels to and from the ports of Haines and Skagway, Alaska, freely and without restrictions.

AND YOUR MEMORIALIST WILL EVER PRAY.

Passed by the Senate January 29, 1949.

Passed by the House January 31, 1949.

Approved by the Governor February 7, 1949.

SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 4

TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR, THE CONGRESS AND THE DELEGATE FROM ALASKA:

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

WHEREAS, gold mining, as the second largest industry in Alaska which produced approximately twenty-five million dollars

in each year prior to the war, was closed down during the war upon order of the War Production Board; and,

WHEREAS, national defense contractors have absorbed the bulk of available labor in Alaska at such high rates of pay that the mine operators cannot successfully compete in the labor market; and,

WHEREAS, high cost of equipment and other operating expenses contribute to the difficulty of putting gold mining in Alaska back into production; and,

WHEREAS, sum and substance of all of the factors above mentioned is that the gold miner is caught between high production costs and existing ceiling on the price of gold which blocks reestablishment of said industry as a principal economic asset of Alaska; and,

WHEREAS, the Territory is going to need a fully reconstructed mining industry to fall back upon when the national defense construction program has come to an end;

NOW THEREFORE, your Memorialist, the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska in Nineteenth Regular Session assembled, respectfully submits that it would not only be to the interest of the Territory of Alaska to provide an incentive for the return of full-scale mining operations, but to the interest of the Federal Government in looking ahead with an eye to sustaining the Territory as a strong buffer state, and that provisions of a bonus of \$15.00 per ounce on all gold mined in Alaska would be an adequate and well-advised measure.

AND YOUR MEMORIALIST WILL EVER PRAY.

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Passed by the House February 5, 1949.

Approved by the Governor February 10, 1949.