

SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 5

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

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

WHEREAS, Alaska as the continental corridor to Asia is of vital strategic importance to the United States; and,

WHEREAS, expansion of utilities and other services in Alaska with consequent acceleration of settlement would strengthen the Territory as a buffer area in the interest of national defense, in keeping with present programs of the Department of the Interior, the Army and the Navy and other Federal departments; and,

WHEREAS, the Bureau of Reclamation, through its Reclamation Fund, operating since 1902 in the Western states, has played a great part in developing those states in the fields of land reclamation and irrigation projects and has further developed those states, with augmented activity since 1939 in the field of hydroelectric power; and,

WHEREAS, projects handled through the Reclamation Fund (which is a revolving fund) have been self-liquidating, as would hydroelectric and land utilization projects in Alaska, if Alaska were allowed to participate under the Bureau of Reclamation programs; but,

WHEREAS, Alaska has never been included under said program (except for a recent survey) for lack of statutory authorization by Congress; and,

WHEREAS, development of Alaska through participation in the Reclamation Fund would even inure to the long range benefit of the Western states which look to Alaska as an expanding market for their products, not to mention improvement of their position from the national security standpoint;

NOW THEREFORE, your Memorialist, the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska convened in Ninteenth Regular Session, respectfully urges that Alaska be included in the Bureau of Reclamation program with participation under the Reclamation Fund, and submits that such inclusion of Alaska would be to the benefit of all concerned.

AND YOUR MEMORIALIST WILL EVER PRAY

Passed by the Senate February 2, 1949.

Passed by the House February 9, 1949.

Approved by the Governor February 12, 1949.

SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 6

TO THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES, THE CHIEF OF STAFF OF THE ARMY OF THE UNITED STATES AND THE COMMANDING GENERAL OF THE ARMY IN ALASKA, AND THE HONORABLE E. L. BARTLETT, DELEGATE TO CONGRESS FROM ALASKA:

Your Memorialist, the Legis'ature of the Territory of Alaska in Nineteenth Session assembled, respectfully submits:

WHEREAS, the people of Alaska are desirous of bringing the Territory to a high state of development and making it self-supporting and our transportation system is of prime importance in the development of the Territory; and,

WHEREAS, the defense of the Territory is vital to the security of the United States, and an adequate transportation system is necessary to such defense;

NOW THEREFORE, your Memorialist, the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska, respectfully urges that a highway be built connecting the interior highway system with the year around port of Cordova, this being a low level route approximately ninety