

miles long measured from Chitina on the interior highway to the end of the airport road running thirteen miles east of the port of Cordova;

And furthermore, your Memorialist respectfully wishes to call attention to the feasibility of such a route and the economy of its construction, since use could be made of the present roadbed, bridges and trestles of the abandoned Copper River Railroad which is now owned by the United States Government, and that another route from the coast to the interior would be of greatest importance in case of a national emergency.

AND YOUR MEMORIALIST WILL EVER PRAY.

Passed by the Senate February 3, 1949.

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Approved by the Governor February 14, 1949.

SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 7

TO THE PRESIDENT AND CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES, THE DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY, THE ALASKA ROAD COMMISSION AND THE DELEGATE FROM ALASKA:

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

WHEREAS, the City of Nome as the trading center and hub of national defense in Northwestern Alaska, is seriously handicapped for lack of a road connection with the rest of Alaska; and,

WHEREAS, the strategic importance of the Second Division of Alaska, of which Nome is headquarters, was attested during the war by location of a route for a road between the railbelt near Fairbanks and Teller, Alaska; and,

WHEREAS, 80 miles of road on the Fairbanks end between Fairbanks and Livengood is already established with 50 additional miles between Livengood and Rampart, on the Yukon, partly constructed; and,

WHEREAS, the narrow channel of the Yukon at Rampart enables crossing said River at that point; and,

WHEREAS, 75 miles of road is already completed on the other end between Nome and Council, leaving a distance of approximately 700 miles yet to be covered between Rampart and Council; and,

WHEREAS, location and preliminary surveys of the remainder of this route have already been completed; and,

WHEREAS, establishment of said section of road is important not only from a military standpoint but to implement development and utilization of valuable mineral and other resources in the area which it would traverse as well as complete an over-all highway system for Alaska, and to provide the missing link between Nome and the rest of the Territory;

NOW THEREFORE, your Memorialist, the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska, respectfully urges that action necessary to establishment of a road between Livengood, Alaska and Nome, Alaska be instituted next summer with a view to construction as soon as possible.

AND YOUR MEMORIALIST WILL EVER PRAY.

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