

SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 8

TO THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR, THE ATTORNEY GENERAL OF THE UNITED STATES, THE DELEGATE IN CONGRESS FROM ALASKA, THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES AND THE TERRITORIAL DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH:

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

WHEREAS, under existing law the Secretary of the Interior is vested with authority to provide domiciliary care for Alaska's insane in an appropriate institution on the West Coast, pursuant to which such patients have been committed to Morningside Sanatorium near Portland, Oregon; and,

WHEREAS, such persons from Alaska have numbered between 320 and 350 each year since 1940; and,

WHEREAS, such number of inmates would fill a substantial sanatorium in Alaska if one were available at some suitable location in the Territory; and,

WHEREAS, benefits to be derived from such an institution in Alaska would include retention of such patients in familiar environment with comparative nearness to friends and relatives, as well as economy to the Government in handling such cases so far as transportation is concerned;

NOW THEREFORE, your Memorialist, the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska, respectfully urges that a study be made of the situation with the view of establishing a suitable institution in Alaska for Alaska's insane, as soon as possible.

AND YOUR MEMORIALIST WILL EVER PRAY.

Passed by the Senate February 10, 1949.

Passed by the House February 24, 1949.

Approved by the Governor March 2, 1949.