

SENATE MEMORIAL NO. 3

TO THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES; THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES SENATE AND THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

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

WHEREAS, prospecting for and the discovery of placer gold was one of the most important factors in bringing people to and settling in Alaska; and,

WHEREAS, this type of citizens were individualists with initiative, courage and human kindness of the highest order; and,

WHEREAS, through prospecting under the most rigorous conditions a stupendous source of precious and base materials have been discovered; and,

WHEREAS, many of these base materials are associated with gold; and,

WHEREAS, under natural conditions the gold content of these minerals would pay for the operations of said deposits; and,

WHEREAS, by regulatory order gold has been withdrawn as a commodity and cannot be traded in except in its free state; and,

WHEREAS, should gold be allowed to be bought and sold on a free market, it would immediately tend to induce the flow of capital to investigate and open up some of the already known deposits and be of inestimable benefit to the Territory in every line of trade and occupation in the Territory;

NOW THEREFORE, your Memorialist, the Senate of the Nineteenth Session of the Alaska Legislature, earnestly requests that the Congress of the United States, through the Senate and House of Representatives, immediately take steps to allow the free and unrestricted sale of gold.

AND YOUR MEMORIALIST WILL EVER PRAY.

Passed by the Senate March 17, 1949.

Approved by the Governor March 21, 1949.

SENATE MEMORIAL NO. 4

TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES, THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE, THE U. S. FOREST SERVICE, THE COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC ROADS AND THE PUBLIC ROADS ADMINISTRATION, AND TO THE DELEGATE FROM ALASKA:

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

WHEREAS, the Public Roads Administration has two sections of road known as the Tongass Highway leading to Ketchikan, the southern section being eight miles long and the northern section being sixteen miles long, which said two sections terminate at the city limits of Ketchikan and are linked only by a single, inadequate and unsafe thoroughfare through Ketchikan, said thoroughfare consisting of 15,000 linear feet of wooden trestle or narrow paved fills; and,

WHEREAS, this single thoroughfare is of temporary construction, requiring maintenance costs of \$50,000.00 per annum, has numerous bottlenecks of less than twenty feet in width and has many temporary sections which, within a short time, must be replaced in their entirety; and,

WHEREAS, existing governmental agencies, including the U. S. Coast Guard, Alaska Communications System, and the U. S. Forest Service, have facilities located along the north and south Tongass Highways, and personnel and vehicular equipment of these agencies must use the above described connecting link in traveling between their rural stations and their city offices; and,