

WHEREAS, economic and industrial progress and development of Alaska as a whole, and of the Coastal areas in particular, are being retarded and hampered by the uncertainties of the Indian or aboriginal title controversy:

NOW, THEREFORE, your memorialists respectfully urge the Congress of the United States to take prompt action to investigate, and to settle equitably to all parties in interest and to the general welfare of the Territory, the question of Indian or aboriginal title to all lands in the Territory of Alaska.

AND YOUR MEMORIALISTS WILL EVER PRAY.

Passed by the House February 27, 1951.

Passed by the Senate March 15, 1951.

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## HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 12

TO THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES AND THE DELEGATE TO CONGRESS FROM ALASKA:

Your memorialists, the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Territory of Alaska, in Legislative Session assembled, respectfully represent:

WHEREAS, Alaska remains practically undeveloped notwithstanding that it contains many great natural resources, such as timber, water power, oil, iron, and divers other valuable and useable minerals, most of which lie unused and dormant; and

WHEREAS, the development of these natural resources is both necessary and desirable to augment the national economy and defense of the United States, and more particularly the economy and, hence, the defense of Alaska; and

WHEREAS, the natural resources of Alaska are especially required now to implement the new and present war effort; and

WHEREAS, the risks of doing business in a non-contiguous area of the United States such as Alaska are much greater than in the continental United State itself because of lack of population, labor pools, community and service facilities, and diversified means of transportation, and because of frequent maritime work stoppages, higher costs of construction and of labor and transportation; and

WHEREAS, the comparative lack of security of investments in high risk areas such as Alaska tends to discourage the investment of large amounts of private capital in new industrial enterprises located therein, which large amounts of private capital are necessary for the development of Alaska's natural resources; and

WHEREAS, the investment of such private capital by corporations could be induced by excluding from such a corporation's gross income, as defined in Section 22 of the Internal Revenue Code (U S. C.), all income derived from the active conduct of a trade or business in the Territory for a period of 15 years from and after the first fiscal year of operation, or for such shorter period as that during which the total amount of Federal income taxes which could otherwise have been paid by such corporation, by reason of its operation of such trade or business in Alaska; shall be equal to the capital invested in such trade or business, but in no event beyond December 31, 1975; Provided, such corporation engages or is engaged in a trade or business producing, processing, or manufacturing in Alaska a natural resource, or products thereof, not produced, processed, or manufactured in the Territory of Alaska in substantial commercial quantities during the calendar year 1949, regardless of whether or not such corporation may produce, process, or manufacture other natural resources or products thereof which have heretofore been produced, processed, or manufactured in Alaska; Provided, further, only that part of such corporation's gross income as is attributable to the producing, processing, or manufacturing of natural resources or their products as herein heretofore defined shall be subject to such exclusion or exemption;

NOW THEREFORE, your memorialists respectfully urge The Congress of the United States to promptly enact, and the Honorable Delegate to Congress from Alaska to seek the prompt enactment by Congress of, legislation exempting, in accordance herewith, corporate gross income from Federal income tax to induce the investment of the necessary large private capital required to develop the natural resources of Alaska.

AND YOUR MEMORIALISTS WILL EVER PRAY.

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Passed by the Senate March 13, 1951.

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### HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 13

TO THE HONORABLE OSCAR CHAPMAN, SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR; AND THE HONORABLE E. L. BARTLETT, DELEGATE FROM ALASKA TO CONGRESS:

Your Memorialist, the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska, in Twentieth Session assembled, respectfully represents:

WHEREAS, the fisheries of Alaska constitute the principal natural resource of the Territory, both with respect to employment and taxable income; and

WHEREAS, all persons, firms or corporations engaged in the business of commercial fishing are obliged to conform to regulations promulgated by the Secretary of the Interior who performs this duty by and through the medium of a bureau known as the Fish and Wildlife Service; and

WHEREAS, these regulations vitally affect the businesses and lives of more than 25,000 persons in Alaska, and a business that is vital to the First and Third Divisions of the Territory; and

WHEREAS, no person feeling himself aggrieved can appeal for redress to any authority except to the very Service responsible for the grievance with the result that the said Service never fails to sustain the wrongs complained of, all contrary to the spirit and tenor of our American institutions; and

WHEREAS, other departments of government having comparable powers of government with the Fish and Wildlife Service are required to conform to the Federal Administrative Procedure Act