

Your memorialist, the House of Representatives of the Territory of Alaska in Twentieth Session assembled, respectfully represents,

WHEREAS, Egegik, Alaska, is at the present time entirely without wheelplane landing facilities; and

WHEREAS, it is impossible to land with seaplanes at Egegik during spring breakup and during fall freezeup, each of which periods often lasts over two months, thus isolating Egegik during said periods and making it impossible to bring aid in case of sickness, accidents or other emergencies; and

WHEREAS Egegik is a growing community with a considerable amount of fishing and mining industry which would be materially aided by such landing strip; and

WHEREAS the construction of a landing strip at Egegik has already been favorably considered by the Alaska Division of Aeronautics.

NOW, THEREFORE, your memorialist, the House of Representatives of the Territory of Alaska respectfully urges that the Alaska Aeronautics and Communications Commission and the Department of Aeronautics take immediate action towards the early construction of an adequate landing strip at Egegik, Alaska.

AND YOUR MEMORIALIST WILL EVER PRAY.

Passed by the House, February 5, 1951.

Approved by the Governor, February 6, 1951.

HOUSE MEMORIAL NO. 10

TO THE HONORABLE HARRY S. TRUMAN, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES; TO THE HONORABLE JAMES BOYD, ADMINISTRATOR OF THE DEFENSE MINERALS ADMINISTRATION; TO THE RECONSTRUCTION FINANCE CORPORATION; TO THE NATIONAL SECURITY RESOURCES BOARD; TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE AND THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE CONGRESS

OF THE UNITED STATES AND TO THE HONORABLE E. L. BARTLETT, DELEGATE TO CONGRESS FOR THE TERRITORY OF ALASKA:

Your memorialist, the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Alaska, respectfully represents:

WHEREAS, The Territory of Alaska contains many small deposits of antimony, mercury, tungsten, tin, copper, lead, zinc, chrome, and other critical and essential minerals from which the Territory has contributed to the world mineral market, and to the war effort during World Wars I and II; and

WHEREAS, the Alaskan gold mining industry, which is the mainstay of the mining industry of the Territory, is caught between rising costs and the fixed price of gold, and there is little possibility of relief to this great industry; and

WHEREAS, many gold mining operators now being forced out of business would take up base and critical metal mining should the proper marketing facilities be offered them; and

WHEREAS, Alaskan base metals producers have always had marketing difficulties on account of transportation and distance from market; and

WHEREAS, markets and purchase of mineral products has not yet been included in the present Defense Production Act of 1950; and

WHEREAS, stock piles of critical and essential minerals represent a capital investment by the government, which have a market value in peace, and a priceless time value in national emergencies;

NOW THEREFORE, your memorialists, the House of Representatives of the Territory of Alaska, in Twentieth Regular Session assembled respectfully urges the above named agencies and the Congress of the United States to examine its mineral policy in regard to purchase of base and critical minerals, and to authorize the Reconstruction Finance Corporation to set up an ore purchasing depot within the Territory of Alaska for the purpose of stock piling and aiding in the development of the base metal mining industry of the Territory, this to be carried out along the same lines as it was under

the Metals Reserve Company, subsidiary of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, during World War II, in conjunction with the Territorial Department of Mines.

AND YOUR MEMORIALIST WILL EVER PRAY.

Passed by the House, February 7, 1951.

Approved by the Governor, February 9, 1951.

HOUSE MEMORIAL NO. 11

TO THE HONORABLE ERNEST GRUENING, GOVERNOR OF ALASKA; TO THE ALASKA AERONAUTICS AND COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION; TO THE DEPARTMENT OF AVIATION FOR THE TERRITORY OF ALASKA:

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

WHEREAS, the present airfield located at Valdez, Alaska, is not adequate and suitable for the landing of multi-motored aircraft; and

WHEREAS, the present airport at Valdez is located entirely within the city limits of the Town of Valdez and occupies an area of approximately 350 city lots; and

WHEREAS, the expanding economy of Valdez requires additional housing facilities; and

WHEREAS, with the exception of the land occupied by said airfield, there is not sufficient land available to meet the building needs; and

WHEREAS, the aforesaid shortage could be overcome by converting the present landing strip into building lots; and