

HOUSE MEMORIAL NO. 13

TO THE HONORABLE OSCAR L. CHAPMAN, SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR; THE HONORABLE E. L. BARTLETT, DELEGATE TO CONGRESS FROM THE TERRITORY OF ALASKA, THE BUREAU OF THE BUDGET AND THE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEES OF THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE CONGRESS OF UNITED STATES:

Your Memorialist, the House of Representatives of the Territory of Alaska, respectfully represents:

WHEREAS, there is an excellent road route from Unalakleet to Kaltag which should become part of our National Defense Program, this route already consisting of a trail from Unalakleet on Norton Sound to Kaltag on the Yukon River; and

WHEREAS, this route is only between 80 and 90 miles long over relatively level tundra but eliminates more than 600 miles of the shallowest part of the Yukon River; and

WHEREAS, the anchorage at Unalakleet frequently would offer an alternative terminal point in case of storms which so often make the mouth of the Yukon River unsuitable for discharging all kinds of freight destined for the Interior of Alaska, including many kinds of supplies for the Department of the Army and other defense agencies of the Federal Government; and

WHEREAS, such route would enable the further development of interior Alaska including valuable coal and farm lands.

NOW THEREFORE, Your Memorialist, the House of Representatives of the Territory of Alaska, in Twentieth Regular Session assembled, respectfully urges you to assist in the approval of and approve the construction of a Military Highway from Unalakleet to Kaltag at the earliest opportunity.

AND YOUR MEMORIALIST WILL EVER PRAY.

Passed by the House February 13, 1951.

Approved by the Governor February 14, 1951.