

WHEREAS, the present airstrip site is bounded on one end by a lake and on the other end by a river making it impossible to lengthen the same; and

WHEREAS, there is great need for the services of a safe and adequate airstrip; and

WHEREAS, under the Federal Airport Act it is possible for the Territory of Alaska to receive matching money for construction of this airport on a three to one basis.

NOW THEREFORE, your Memorialist, the House of Representatives of the Territory of Alaska, in Twentieth Session assembled, respectfully urges the Alaska Aeronautics & Communication Commission and the Department of Aeronautics to take immediate steps to bring about a survey of a new location for an airstrip at Selawik, Alaska on higher and safer ground, and further urges the said department to make a project application to the Federal Government under the Federal Airport Act for construction of the same.

Passed by the House February 20, 1951.

Approved by the Governor February 21, 1951.

HOUSE MEMORIAL NO. 22

TO THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES; THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES SENATE AND THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES; THE COMMITTEE PUBLIC LANDS; AND HON. E. L. BARTLETT, DELEGATE TO CONGRESS FROM ALASKA:

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

That, WHEREAS, the Congress of the United States suspended assessment work requirements on unpatented mining claims in the United States, including Alaska, from 1941 to the assessment year ending July 1, 1949; and by Chapter 404 Public Law 582, approved June 29, 1950, extended the time for performing such assessment

work requirements for the period commencing July 1, 1949 until 12 o'clock meridian on the first day of October, 1950; and

WHEREAS, in its Report the Committee on Public Lands stated that:

"although the Committee on Public Lands is agreeable to enactment of this bill, the committee is of the opinion that the outright suspension of the annual assessment-work requirement on mining claims held by location is no longer necessary or desirable. The committee strongly recommends that no further legislation be enacted for the outright suspension of annual assessment-work requirements either for the current period or for future years, periods of national emergency excepted.

"The committee is also of the opinion that further extensions of time for the performance of such annual assessment-work should not be granted unless there is a showing of most unusual circumstances or the existence of a national emergency; and

WHEREAS, your Memorialist believes that both the existence of most unusual circumstances" and a "national emergency" exist, because of the present unsettled conditions in Korea and elsewhere throughout the World; and that Alaska, because of the defense effort being made in Alaska, is particularly affected thereby.

NOW THEREFORE, your Memorialist, the House of Representatives of the Twentieth Regular Session of the Alaska Legislature earnestly requests that the Congress of the United States, through the Senate and House of Representatives, take immediate steps to suspend annual assessment work requirements on unpatented mining claims in Alaska for the assessment year commencing July 1, 1949; and for succeeding assessment years during continuance of the present unsettled conditions in Alaska because of the National emergency.

AND YOUR MEMORIALIST WILL EVER PRAY.

Passed by the House February 23. 1951.

Approved by the Governor February 26. 1951.