

## HOUSE MEMORIAL NO. 24

TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR, THE SECRETARY OF STATE AND THE DELEGATE FROM ALASKA:

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

WHEREAS, the Alaska Highway and the Haines Road, or Cut-off, with its seacoast terminus at Haines, Alaska, and connecting with the Alaska Highway at a point 150 mile from Haines, constitute an important artery of traffic for tourists and for commercial purposes; and

WHEREAS, in 1949 thousands of tons of general freight, cargo and produce were transported by commercial truck freighting lines from Haines, Alaska, to various Army posts and Air Force Bases in Alaska, including Fort Richardson, Ladd Air Force Base, and Eielson Air Force Base, as well as to other parts of the interior of Alaska and to the Yukon; and

WHEREAS, both commercial and passenger vehicles from Haines must clear with the Canadian Customs at Pleasant Camp, British Columbia, 40 miles west of Haines, and again at Snag, Yukon Territory, and vehicles coming from the States must clear at the latter station; and

WHEREAS, it is the custom of the Canadian Customs at both of the aforementioned stations to close their offices between the hours of 10:00 p. m. and 7:00 a. m. each day, which means that vehicles arriving at either of said stations between such hours cannot pass through but must wait until the offices open; and

WHEREAS, this period of closing has had the deleterious effect of causing the volume of trucking business to fall off considerably during 1950 since the freighters, particularly those with refrigeration units, must keep moving day and night and cannot afford a several hour delay at the Canadian Customs station; and

WHEREAS, with respect to the general traveling public, it is extremely inconvenient for passenger cars to have to wait at a cus-

toms station for long hours during the night, and is even dangerous with respect to those automobiles carrying aged people and babies and small children who need proper lodging, food and care which is unavailable at either of the aforementioned stations;

NOW THEREFORE, your Memorialist, the House of Representatives of the Territory of Alaska, respectfully urges that appropriate steps be taken to secure arrangements with the Canadian government to establish and maintain a twenty-four hour service to the traveling public at the Canadian boundary stations of Pleasant Camp, B. C., and Snag, Yukon Territory.

AND YOUR MEMORIALIST WILL EVER PRAY.

Passed by the House, February 24, 1951.

Approved by the Governor, February 26, 1951.

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### HOUSE MEMORIAL NO. 27

TO THE HONORABLE CARL H. GRAY, JR., ADMINISTRATOR OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS, VETERANS' ADMINISTRATION; TO THE HONORABLE ERNEST GRUENING, GOVERNOR OF ALASKA; TO THE HONORABLE E. L. BARTLETT, DELEGATE TO CONGRESS FROM ALASKA:

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

WHEREAS, recent press and radio reports have mentioned the possible closing of offices of the Veterans' Administration in Ketchikan and Fairbanks; and

WHEREAS, these two offices are located in cities that are the economic hub of vast areas, otherwise without any contact with the Veterans' Administration: and

WHEREAS, the average Veteran has neither the knowledge nor