

the necessary forms to initiate claims against the Veterans' Administration; and

WHEREAS, both of these two cities are undergoing a growth in population which means there are more Veterans to serve than ever before;

NOW THEREFORE, your Memorialist, the House of Representatives, in Twentieth Session assembled, respectfully requests that the Administrator of Veterans' Affairs reconsider the removal of Veterans' Administration Offices from the cities of Ketchikan and Fairbanks.

AND YOUR MEMORIALIST WILL EVER PRAY.

Passed by the House, February 20, 1951.

Approved by the Governor, February 21, 1951.

HOUSE MEMORIAL NO. 28

TO THE HONORABLE HARRY S. TRUMAN, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES; THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES; DEFENSE MOBILIZATION CHIEF, CHARLES E. WILSON; THE HONORABLE CHARLES SAWYER, SECRETARY OF COMMERCE; THE HONORABLE OSCAR L. CHAPMAN, SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR; THE HONORABLE STUART SYMINGTON, CHAIRMAN OF THE NATIONAL SECURITY RESOURCES BOARD; AND 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, the President of the United States has declared the Nation to be in a state of emergency for the purpose of gearing the nation for its best possible defense; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to this intent various items have been determined critical because of the shortage thereof and the essential use in national defense; and

WHEREAS, such items are critical to the point of making it necessary to drastically restrict the sale and use of said items and material for any purpose other than for national defense; and

WHEREAS, aluminum is among the top priority items on the critical list; and

WHEREAS, the Aluminum Company of America has made a careful and extensive study of the Taiya Area near Skagway, Alaska with the resulting discovery of tremendous sources of electrical energy indispensable to the manufacture of aluminum; and

WHEREAS, the hydroelectric potential of this area of Alaska alone is sufficient to completely alleviate the entire national shortage of aluminum as well as making it possible to furnish this highly valuable war material to allied countries; and

WHEREAS, the development of the proposed Alaska project would greatly strengthen the economy of the entire Territory of Alaska, bringing in new development in many other related and unrelated fields; and

WHEREAS, such strengthening of Alaska's economy with the corresponding increase in population would be highly desirable in national defense according to the nation's leading military authorities; and

WHEREAS, hearings have just been completed before a Congressional committee and that the findings of said committee have been unfavorable to Alaska and favorable to expanding present industries in the United States in lieu of the proposed Alaska project; and

WHEREAS, the Aluminum Company of America not only stands ready, willing and able to proceed with the Alaska project but, in addition, strongly contends that the Alaska project is in the best interests of the nation, first from a standpoint of national defense and secondly from a dollar savings standpoint:

NOW THEREFORE, your memorialist, the House of Representatives of the Twentieth Regular Session of the Alaska Legislature earnestly requests that the recent decision against the Alaska aluminum project be reviewed immediately, looking more closely to the merits of the Alaska project.

AND YOUR MEMORIALIST WILL EVER PRAY.

Passed by the House, February 23, 1951.

Approved by the Governor, February 23, 1951.

HOUSE MEMORIAL NO. 29

TO THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR; THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE; THE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE FEDERAL WORKS AGENCY; THE COMMISSIONER OF ROADS FOR ALASKA; THE ALASKA REGIONAL FORESTER; THE COMMISSIONER OF THE BUREAU OF PUBLIC ROADS; THE TERRITORIAL HIGHWAY ENGINEER AND THE DELEGATE IN CONGRESS FROM ALASKA:

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

WHEREAS, the Katalla-Yakataga region of Alaska is highly mineralized, possesses large known coal deposits and is recognized as especially favorable for the existence of petroleum; and

WHEREAS, no suitable means of transportation exists into this promising region of Alaska; and

WHEREAS, the Katalla-Yakataga region could be reached overland by the construction of a branch road from the Cordova Highway.

NOW THEREFORE, your Memorialist, the House of Representatives of the Territory of Alaska in Twentieth Regular Session assembled, respectfully urges that the appropriate agencies include in their budgets and press for the approval by Congress of an appropriation to construct a road from the Cordova Highway to the Katalla-Yakataga region.