

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

WHEREAS, Sub-section (b), Section 512, Public Law 425, 81st Congress, states that the authority to make loans under this Section will expire June 30, 1951; and

WHEREAS, the veterans in the Territory have not, through no fault of their own, been able to come under the provisions of this Act; and

WHEREAS, the construction season in the Territory of Alaska is of very short nature and therefore, if this Act expires at the prescribed date it will be impossible for veterans in the Territory of Alaska to come under the provisions of the Act,

NOW THEREFORE, your Memorialist, the House of Representatives of the Territory of Alaska, in Twentieth Session, respectfully urges that sub-section (b), section 512, Public Law No. 475, 81st Congress be amended to allow the provisions of this Act to be extended to the veterans of the Territory of Alaska until January 1, 1953.

AND YOUR MEMORIALIST WILL EVER PRAY.

Passed by the House March 5, 1951.

Approved by the Governor March 7, 1951.

HOUSE MEMORIAL NO. 38

TO THE PRESIDENT AND THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES, THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE, DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF DEFENSE MOBILIZATION, THE CORPS OF ENGINEERS, AND TO THE DELEGATE TO CONGRESS FROM THE TERRITORY OF ALASKA:

Your memorialist, the House of Representatives of the Territory of Alaska, in legislative session assembled, respectfully represents:

WHEREAS, Gastineau Channel lies between the mainland of Southeast Alaska and the eastern and northern shores of Douglas Island, and the northernmost part of said channel, between Salmon Creek and Mendenhall Peninsula, has become so filled with glacial silt that it can be navigated only by small craft at high tide; and

WHEREAS, because Gastineau Channel is limited to navigation as aforesaid, almost all fishing and other commercial vessels, pleasure boats, and vessels of the government of the United States, operating between Juneau and Douglas and all points to the the north and west thereof must now navigate around Douglas Island, through Stevens Passage, thereby adding approximately 20 miles to each voyage of said vessels and subjecting them to the high winds and seas sometimes encountered in Stephens Passage off Taku Inlet; and

WHEREAS, the need for such a navigable channel has been recognized since the Chief of Engineers on February 24, 1928, directed that a survey thereof be made; and, the need, feasibility, and practicability of such a channel were recognized in the District Engineer's report of May 24, 1928, wherein it was recommended that a 75 foot channel be dredged to M. L. L. W.; and, the merits of the improvement have been recognized by the 1941 report thereon which was approved by the Board of Engineers and the Chief of Engineers and submitted to Congress in House Document No. 325, 77th Congress; and,

WHEREAS, improvements to the Juneau Airport recommended by a Sub-Committee of the Senate Armed Service Committee would be materially enhanced by the proposed channel improvements, and it is likely that the spoil from the dredging could be used in the adjacent airport improvements;

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved by your memorialist, the House of Representatives of the Territory of Alaska, in Twentieth Regular Session assembled, that the Congress of the United States, the Secretary of Defense, the Corps of Engineers, and the Bureau of the Budget, (a) reconsider the priority rating on dredging Gastineau Channel, and (b) that sufficient funds be appropriated immediately to construct said project.

AND YOUR MEMORIALIST WILL EVER PRAY.

Passed by the House, March 16, 1951.

Approved by the Governor, March 19, 1951.