

WHEREAS, it has frequently been declared to be national policy to build up the economy of Alaska; and

WHEREAS, Interior Department officials have a particular responsibility toward Alaska not only by reason of its being a territory, but also because the various Federal agencies within the Interior Department deal with resource problems of great moment to Alaskans; and

WHEREAS, for many years the fur seal pelts harvested annually on the Pribilof Islands in Alaska under supervision of the Fish and Wildlife Service of the Interior Department have been taken to St. Louis, Missouri for processing; and

WHEREAS, sound policy in futherance of the national objectives outlined above would dictate that such processing should be done in Alaska thus providing substantial employment in connection with this Alaska resource and contributing to the economic development of the Territory.

NOW THEREFORE, your Memorialist, the House of Representatives of the Territory of Alaska, in Twentieth Session, respectfully urges that the Secretary of the Interior require that all processing of fur seals from the Pribilof Islands be conducted in Alaska.

AND YOUR MEMORIALIST WILL EVER PRAY.

Passed by the House, March 13, 1951.

Approved by the Governor, March 16, 1951.

HOUSE MEMORIAL NO. 46

TO: SENATOR JOSEPH C. O'MAHONEY, CHAIRMAN, INTERIOR AND INSULAR AFFAIRS, SENATOR EDWIN C. JOHNSON, CHAIRMAN; INTERSTATE AND FOREIGN COMMERCE, REPRESENTATIVE JOHN R. MURDOCK, CHAIRMAN, HOUSE COMMITTEE ON INTERIOR AND INSULAR AFFAIRS, EDWARD J. HART, CHAIRMAN, HOUSE COMMITTEE ON MER-

CHANT MARINE AND FISHERIES, E. L. BARTLETT, DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, THE FEDERAL MARITIME BOARD, AND THE SECRETARY OF COMMERCE:

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

WHEREAS, the Federal Maritime Board has been petitioned by the Alaska Steamship Company for rate increases on fish and whale meal and oil between Alaska ports and Seattle and Tacoma, Washington, to be effective April 5, 1951; and

WHEREAS, these rates are of importance to the economy of the Territory of Alaska; and

WHEREAS, no prior notice or opportunity to protest was granted those who might be affected by or have a direct interest in such increases; and

WHEREAS, this is the third in a series of similar increases, granted without adequate notice or opportunity for hearing and protest; and

WHEREAS, this appears to be a continuing practice which may, by specific unannounced rate increases, eventually cover an increasing of the entire tariff schedule;

NOW THEREFORE, your Memorialist, the House of Representatives of the Territory of Alaska, respectfully urges that the Federal Maritime Board be required to hold hearings and conduct investigations into the necessity for tariff revisions of either a general or specific nature before any further changes are made effective.

AND YOUR MEMORIALIST WILL EVER PRAY.

Passed by the House March 8, 1951.

Approved by the Governor March 10, 1951.