

WHEREAS, out of funds presently appropriated by Congress for the Bureau of Indian Affairs of the United States, certain amounts are allotted by such Bureau to the Alaska Native Service for the purposes of providing general relief for the needy Indians and Eskimos of the Territory; and

WHEREAS, the amounts of such funds made available to the Alaska Native Service are completely inadequate to meet the needs of the destitute and indigent Indians and Eskimos of the Territory, and are, in fact, so small that they will not even provide relief for such persons at a much lower standard than that presently existing under the Territorial Public Welfare laws applicable to the white residents of the Territory; and

WHEREAS, many poverty stricken Indians and Eskimos of the Territory are suffering great privation because of a lack of funds to provide them even the bare necessities of life;

NOW THEREFORE, your Memorialist, the House of Representatives of the Territory of Alaska, respectfully urges that Congress immediately appropriate for the use of the Alaska Native Service funds in an amount sufficient to meet the desperate needs of the indigent and destitute Indians and Eskimos in the Territory of Alaska.

AND YOUR MEMORIALIST WILL EVER PRAY.

Passed by the House March 13, 1951.

HOUSE MEMORIAL NO. 51

TO THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR; THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE; THE SECRETARY OF STATE; THE COMMISSIONER OF ROADS FOR ALASKA; THE BUREAU OF PUBLIC ROADS; THE DELEGATE IN CONGRESS FROM ALASKA; AND TO THE HONORABLE J. AUBREY SIMMONS, HOUSE OF COMMONS, OTTAWA, ONTARIO, CANADA:

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

WHEREAS, the community of Skagway, Alaska is so located as to be an important port of entry to a large hinterland in Alaska, British Columbia and the Yukon Territory; and

WHEREAS, the utility of this excellent port has been limited heretofore by the fact that transportation into the Interior region has been provided only by a narrow gauge railway; and

WHEREAS, the development of new mineral properties in the Mayo and Atlin Districts and in the vicinity of Carcross is resulting in greatly increased shipments through the port of Skagway; and

WHEREAS, a feasible route exists for the construction of a 50-mile highway from Skagway to connect with an existing highway system now extending from Whitehorse to Carcross; and

WHEREAS, the construction of a highway on this route would have not only economic but also military significance in that it would provide an alternative route of access from the Inside Passage to the Alaska Highway and the Interior; and

WHEREAS, a highway from Skagway to Whitehorse would provide the shortest and most economical route of transportation from the United States Pacific Northwest to the Interior.

NOW THEREFORE, your Memorialist, the House of Representatives of the Territory of Alaska, in Twentieth Session, respectfully urges that the appropriate agencies of the government of the United States immediately begin surveys for a highway designed to connect Skagway, Alaska with the Alaska Highway via Carcross and Whitehorse; that construction be commenced at the earliest feasible date and that negotiations be instituted with the appropriate Canadian officials for the survey and construction of the portions of said highway lying within Canada.

AND YOUR MEMORIALIST WILL EVER PRAY.

Passed by the House, March 15, 1951.

Approved by the Governor, March 19, 1951.