

WHEREAS, it is urgent to fulfill the requirements in the overall defense plan that these structures be completed this year; and

WHEREAS, a start on the actual work, which cannot be made until after the funds are appropriated, must occur within the immediate future if this time schedule is to be met.

NOW THEREFORE, Your Memorialist, the House of Representatives of the Territory of Alaska, respectfully urges that early and favorable action be taken on the appropriation of funds for the Alaska projects included in the Third Supplemental Appropriations Act; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be transmitted by radiogram to Delegate Bartlett for distribution to the others to whom it is addressed.

AND YOUR MEMORIALIST WILL EVER PRAY.

Passed by the House March 20, 1951.

Approved by the Governor, March 23, 1951.

HOUSE MEMORIAL NO. 54

TO THE HONORABLE CHARLES F. BRANNAN, SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE, AND TO THE HONORABLE LYLE F. WATTS, CHIEF FORESTER OF THE UNITED STATES:

Your memorialist, the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Alaska, in Twentieth Regular Session assembled, respectfully represents:

WHEREAS, the laws of the United States and particularly the Act of June 4, 1897 (16 United States Code Annotated, Section 476) prohibits the export of logs from national forests in Alaska except when in the discretion of the Secretary of Agriculture the supply of timber for local use will not be endangered thereby, and the Secretary of Agriculture is given power by law to issue rules and regula-

tions regarding the export of logs and timber from national forest lands of Alaska, and the present regulation prohibits such export, and

WHEREAS, strong efforts are being made to change the law and to induce the Secretary of Agriculture and the Chief Forester of the United States to change their regulations with respect to the export of logs and to permit the export thereof to British Columbia and points in the State of Washington and elsewhere in order that they may be manufactured into pulp and paper products in the Province of British Columbia and the State of Washington and elsewhere, outside of Alaska, and

WHEREAS, Alaska's forests can best be used if the timber situated in the Territory is manufactured within the Territory, and

WHEREAS, serious and earnest efforts have been made by the Department of Agriculture and the United States Forest Service for many years to establish the manufacture of pulp and paper in the Territory, and these efforts seem at the present time to be nearer success than ever before, and

WHEREAS, it would be disastrous to the welfare and to the economy of the Territory to permit the timber growing in the national forests of Alaska to be exported from the Territory for manufacture elsewhere;

NOW THEREFORE, your memorialist, the House of Representatives of the Territory of Alaska, in Twentieth Regular Session assembled, respectfully urges the Department of Agriculture and the Secretary thereof to continue the present regulations which prohibit the shipment of timber from the Territory for the purpose of manufacture elsewhere and to continue the policy which has been in effect for over fifty years and to permit no relaxation of the rules and regulations which have been in effect for so many years and a relaxation of which would be extremely detrimental to the future welfare and economy of the Territory.

AND YOUR MEMORIALIST WILL EVER PRAY.

Passed by the House March 21, 1951.

Approved by the Governor, March 23, 1951.