

WHEREAS, Wasilla is in one of the best hunting and fishing areas in Alaska and it would be of great advantage to the people of Wasilla and the public at large to extend the present airfield;

NOW THEREFORE, your Memorialist, the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska, respectfully urges the Alaska Aeronautics and Communications Commission to request the Director of Aviation to extend, improve, and properly mark and identify an airfield at Wasilla, Alaska.

AND YOUR MEMORIALIST WILL EVER PRAY.

Passed by the Senate, March 7, 1951.

Passed by the House, March 21, 1951.

Approved by the Governor March 27, 1951.

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#### SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 7

TO THE HONORABLE HARRY S. TRUMAN, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES; TO THE HONORABLE CHARLES E. WILSON, DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF DEFENSE MOBILIZATION; TO THE HONORABLE W. STUART SYMINGTON, CHAIRMAN OF THE NATIONAL SECURITY AND RESOURCES BOARD; TO THE HONORABLE OSCAR CHAPMAN, SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR; TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE AND THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES AND TO THE HONORABLE E. L. BARTLETT, DELEGATE TO CONGRESS FOR THE TERRITORY OF ALASKA:

Your Memorialist, the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska, in Twentieth Regular Session assembled, respectfully represents:

WHEREAS: the United States has a critical need for certain strategic minerals to be used in the defense of our country; and,

WHEREAS, many of these minerals are known to exist in the Second Division of Alaska, principally on Seward Peninsula and in the Kobuk and Noatak River Basins; and,

WHEREAS, these mineral resources are lying undeveloped due to a lack of interest and positive action on the part of the Washington offices of the National Security Resources Board and Defense Minerals Administration who have it in their power to assist in procuring the necessary development, capital, and ore sales guarantees; and,

WHEREAS, the Washington officials of the two above named agencies offer as their only objection that the Second Division of Alaska is indefensible should an attack come from the west;

NOW THEREFORE, your Memorialist the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska, in Twentieth Regular Session assembled, respectfully states:

- (1) THAT, the Seward Peninsula and adjacent areas are rich in natural resources and the ores of tin, tungsten, beryllium, fluorite, asbestos, antimony, and graphite, are known to exist in economically mineable quantities, and deposits of uranium ore have been reported in the area;
- (2) THAT, Lt. General Kepner, Commander in Chief of the Alaska Theatre, has publicly stated that this region, with its wealth of natural resources, can and will be defended by his military forces in case of attack;
- (3) THAT, water power sites necessary to supply cheap power for mining, milling, and processing of these ores are known to exist in the Fish River, Salmon Lake area, Tuksuk Channel near Teller, Kobuk and Noatak Rivers; and

THEREFORE, your Memorialist respectfully urges the Senate of the United States to reopen the case for the development of these sources of strategic minerals by means of a directive to the National Security and Resources Board and Defense Minerals Administration, and to direct the Department of Interior to immediately investigate these mineral resources and look into building water power sites to supply electricity to the citizens of the Second Division of Alaska to develop these mineral resources and for such other purposes as may be required.

AND YOUR MEMORIALIST WILL EVER PRAY.

Passed by the Senate March 7, 1951.

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