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### HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 11

TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES; TO THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE UNITED STATES; AND TO THE DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR:

Your Memorialist, the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska in Twenty-first Session assembled, respectfully submits that:

WHEREAS, the people of the Territory of Alaska have, by an overwhelming referendum vote of 20,544 to 3,479, demanded that they be given self-control of the fisheries of the Territory; and

WHEREAS, repeated legislation has been introduced in the Congress of the United States by delegates of the Territory of Alaska asking that the people of Alaska have extended to them the same right of control over their major natural resource as is granted the several states; and

WHEREAS, the Territorial Legislature has heretofore created and appropriated monies to a Territorial Fisheries Department and an Alaskan Fishery Board; and

WHEREAS, the people of Alaska, by their mandate have shown their displeasure with the present administrative agency and its regulations, and have expressed their confidence and belief in the Alaska Department of Fisheries; and

WHEREAS, public hearings held for the purpose of formulating policies and regulations pertaining to the control of this major industry should be held at times when fishing conditions may be more readily ascertainable than at the present

meetings six months prior to the opening of any fishing season, and all such hearings should be held within the Territory of Alaska; and

WHEREAS, the Alaska Department of Fisheries has been functioning in an orderly and efficient manner for nearly four years, and are now in a position to readily expand and assume the duties and responsibilities incident to full control of the fisheries of Alaska with a minimum of delay and inconvenience; and

WHEREAS, it is an affront to the people of Alaska that their continued pleas for the right to manage and control their major industry and resource have gone unheeded;

NOW THEREFORE, your Memorialist, the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska in Twenty-first Session assembled, respectfully prays that the Congress of the United States, in accordance with the mandate of the people of Alaska, take immediate action to transfer control of the fisheries of Alaska to the government of the Territory of Alaska.

AND YOUR MEMORIALIST WILL EVER PRAY.

Passed by the House, February 14, 1953.

Passed by the Senate February 25, 1953.

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#### HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 12

TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES; THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR; THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE ON INTERIOR AND INSULAR AFFAIRS, UNITED STATES SENATE; THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC LANDS, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES; AND THE DELEGATE FROM ALASKA:

Your Memorialist, the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska, in Twenty-first Session assembled, respectfully submits that: