

HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 13

TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES; TO THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES; TO THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR; AND TO THE DELEGATE FROM ALASKA:

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

WHEREAS, sport fishing in the Territory of Alaska for grayling, trout, salmon and other species of fish constitutes a valuable recreation for the residents of the Territory; and

WHEREAS, sport fishing is an important recreational attraction for visitors and tourists; and

WHEREAS, these species of sport fish are already showing signs of depletion in waters adjacent to centers of population and along the main highways; and

WHEREAS, the 1949 session of the Territorial Legislature created an Alaska Fisheries Board and an Alaska Department of Fisheries; and

WHEREAS, the Alaska Fisheries Board recognized the necessity for restoration and proper management of these depleted waters by setting up within the Alaska Department of Fisheries a Sport Fish Division; and

WHEREAS, this Sport Fish Division is staffed with well trained and experienced sport fish biologists, who have been occupied in restoration and related projects for the past two years; and

WHEREAS, under the present Federal Aid in Fish Restoration Act (64 Stat. 430), commonly known as the Dingell-Johnson Act, funds allotted to Alaska are not given to the Territory but to a federal agency; and

WHEREAS, in the case of the other territories and possessions (Hawaii, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands) these funds are given to the local agencies;

AND YOUR MEMORIALIST WILL EVER PRAY.

Passed by the House, February 14, 1953.

Passed by the Senate, February 25, 1953.

HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 14

TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES; THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES SENATE; THE SPEAKER OF THE 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:

WHEREAS, Alaska's welfare, economy, and growth are dependent upon private enterprise making use of and developing all of her natural resources; and

WHEREAS, the use and development of Alaska's natural resources will induce increased population of American citizens with their homes, schools and churches; and

WHEREAS, the initial risks in developing the territory's natural resources are such as to deter the investment of capital therein without adequate, off-setting incentives; and

WHEREAS, the basis of an enduring, sound economy of the territory must be founded upon productive industry and its wage earners; and

WHEREAS, the entire United States will greatly benefit by making available to it the natural resources of Alaska through their use and production; and

WHEREAS, the temporary exemption of taxes is the most available and expedient incentive to the investment of risk capital in the development of Alaska's natural resources,