

now desire to form themselves into a state, as the people of all other territories have done before them; and

WHEREAS, the people of our sister Territory of Hawaii enjoy the prospect of being admitted to statehood at the present Session of the Congress of the United States; and

WHEREAS, the people of the United States, Committees of the Congress of the United States, and the National platforms of both our major political parties have called for the early admission of Alaska to statehood.

NOW THEREFORE, Your Memorialist, the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska respectfully prays that the Congress of the United States, at its present Session, adopt adequate enabling legislation providing for the admission of Alaska as a State of the Union.

AND YOUR MEMORIALIST WILL EVER PRAY.

Passed by the House February 14, 1953.

Passed by the Senate February 20, 1953.

HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 17

TO THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES; THE SECRETARY OF LABOR; THE SECRETARY OF COMMERCE AND THE DELEGATE TO CONGRESS FROM ALASKA:

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

WHEREAS, the economy and welfare of Alaska and the successful prosecution of the defense effort in Alaska are almost wholly dependent upon uninterrupted water-borne commerce between the United States and Alaska; and

NOW THEREFORE, your Memorialist, the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska in Twenty-first Session assembled, respectfully urges that the Congress of the United States amend the Federal Aid to Fish Restoration Act (64 Stat. 430) to authorize the Secretary of the Department of the Interior to cooperate with the Territory of Alaska by allotting Alaska's share of the funds for the conduct of fish restoration to the Alaska Department of Fisheries.

WHEREAS, water-borne commerce between the United States and Alaska has been frequently interrupted by strikes, tieups, lockouts or other labor or labor-management difficulties, for an average of seventy-two days per year and, in 1952, for a total of eighty-six days, to the detriment of the economy and welfare of Alaska and the defense effort in Alaska; and

WHEREAS, no existing legislation provides an adequate remedy to prevent the intolerable disruptions of water-borne commerce to Alaska; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill No. 225 was introduced in the 83rd Congress to amend the labor-management relations Act of 1947, "so as to prevent interruptions to ocean transportation service between the United States and its territories and possessions as a result of labor disputes";

NOW THEREFORE, your Memorialist, the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska, in Twenty-first Session assembled, respectfully prays that Senate Bill No. 225 in the 83rd Congress be immediately enacted.

AND YOUR MEMORIALIST WILL EVER PRAY.

Passed by the House February 17, 1953.

Passed by the Senate March 25, 1953.