

WHEREAS, the passage and approval of these measures would so lower transportation costs in Alaska as to provide a large incentive toward the expansion and healthy growth of industry;

NOW, THEREFORE, your Memorialist urgently requests that favorable action be taken at the earliest possible time on H.R. 91, providing for the repeal of the 15% tax on passenger travel, and on H.R. 92, providing for certain reductions in the 3% tax on transportation of freight, to the end that the people may be relieved of undue tax burdens and hindrances to the development of a sound economy.

AND YOUR MEMORIALIST WILL EVER PRAY.

Passed by the House February 27, 1953.

Passed by the Senate March 4, 1953.

HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 25

TO THE HONORABLE DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES; THE HONORABLE DOUGLAS MCKAY, SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR; THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES; THE ALASKA ROAD COMMISSION; AND THE HONORABLE E. L. BARTLETT, DELEGATE TO CONGRESS FROM ALASKA:

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

WHEREAS, the \$25,000,000 Annette Island Airport is an instrument equipped airfield capable of handling practically every type of aircraft on a twenty-four hour basis and is the only airfield serving Ketchikan and its trading area, and

WHEREAS, the important community of Metlakatla is connected by a six mile road with the Annette airfield but

neither the Airfield or Metlakatla are connected with Ketchikan which is located on a separate island some 18 miles from Metlakatla with the only communication being by air during daylight hours or by small boat with neither of these two forms of transportation being possible during frequent periods of storm conditions that prevail in the area; and

WHEREAS, the Civil Aeronautics Commission, the U. S. Weather Bureau and other agencies and organizations have a large number of personnel stationed at the Annette airfield together with the fact that the U. S. Coast Guard has its largest air detachment in Alaska based at the Annette airfield and its largest operating base in Alaska located in Ketchikan thus creating a need for connecting the two areas on a 24 hour basis from a defense and military standpoint; and

WHEREAS, the Alaska Road Commission has surveyed and estimated the cost of a proposed 14 mile road route between Metlakatla and Walden Point on Annette Island which point is only separated from the Ketchikan Road system by a narrow channel of protected water approximately one and one-half miles across capable of being spanned by a small commercially operated car ferry; and

WHEREAS, the linking on a 24 hour basis of the Annette airport and the community of Metlakatla on the one hand and the Ketchikan trading area on the other hand is only possible by construction of such a road and is further desirable because of a new \$46,000,000 pulp mill plant presently under construction at Ketchikan which will have a far reaching effect on the entire economy of the area involved;

NOW THEREFORE, your Memorialist, the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska, respectfully prays that the Congress of the United States appropriate the necessary funds for construction of the proposed Metlakatla-Walden Point road on Annette Island as above described.

AND YOUR MEMORIALIST WILL EVER PRAY.

Passed by the House March 3, 1953.

Passed by the Senate March 7, 1953.