

HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 4

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

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

WHEREAS, on August 23, 1952, at a meeting of the All-Alaska Chamber of Commerce held at Mount McKinley Park, Alaska, the Aluminum Company of America announced its intention to construct and operate an industrial development in the Taiya Valley of Alaska, including an aluminum reduction plant, townsite, transportation, power, and other facilities, provided certain preliminary steps were taken; and

WHEREAS, one of such preliminary steps is the purchase by the Aluminum Company of America from the United States of America of approximately 19,000 acres of land situated in the Taiya Valley; and

WHEREAS, there are no existing public land laws applicable to the Territory of Alaska pursuant to which such a purchase can be made; and

WHEREAS, additional authorizations and agreements between the Aluminum Company of America and the United States of America are necessary in connection with the diversion of water from the upper reaches of the Yukon River and the transportation of such diverted water across the International Boundary Line into the Territory of Alaska for essential power generation purposes to support the industrial development; and

WHEREAS, the establishment and operation of the proposed industrial development by Aluminum Company of America will be of the greatest importance to the security of

the North American continent and particularly to the security of the Territory of Alaska, Yukon Territory and British Columbia by providing expanded facilities for aluminum production and a substantial addition to the permanent population of the Territory of Alaska; and

WHEREAS, the establishment and operation of the proposed industrial development will attract other industries and other permanent residents to the Territory of Alaska, Yukon Territory and British Columbia, thus further improving the security of the North American continent and particularly the security of the Territory of Alaska, Yukon Territory and British Columbia; and

WHEREAS, the economic development of the Territory of Alaska and the further development of its other great natural resources will be immeasurably aided by the prompt construction and operation of this industrial development;

NOW THEREFORE, YOUR MEMORIALIST, the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska, urges the prompt enactment of the legislation necessary to the aforementioned industrial development, to the end that the benefits to the United States of America and to the Territory of Alaska, Yukon Territory and British Columbia, as above described, may quickly be realized.

AND YOUR MEMORIALIST WILL EVER PRAY.

Passed by the House January 28, 1953.

Passed by the Senate January 30, 1953.

Approved by the Governor February 3, 1953.