

HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 5

TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, THE SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY, AND TO 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, ample evidence of the vital necessity for re-establishment of a United States Coast Guard Unit in the Norton Sound and Bering Sea Area, has been formally submitted to the Congress of the United States by the citizens of Nome, Alaska, and

WHEREAS, the treachery of these waters and shallow tide flats still exists and commerce in and over these waters is increasing rapidly, and

WHEREAS, rescue along these surfs during extreme high seas has been irrevocably proven impossible with known civilian and/or military rescue boats, and

WHEREAS, no conventional float or amphibious aircraft could possibly be set down in these waters during high seas, and

WHEREAS, there is only one conceivable method by which such rescue could be effected.

NOW THEREFORE, your Memorialist, the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska, respectfully prays that Congress immediately direct the United States Coast Guard to assign to the military air field at Nome, Alaska, a float equipped helicopter and the necessary compliment of men and life boat equipment to fulfill the needs as herein shown lacking.

AND YOUR MEMORIALIST WILL EVER PRAY.

Passed by the House February 11, 1953.

Passed by the Senate February 20, 1953.