

NOW, THEREFORE, Your Memorialist, the House of Representatives of the Territory of Alaska in Twenty-first Session assembled, respectfully urges that the Congress appropriate sums included in the Alaska Railroad budget request to provide for the rehabilitation of the Portage to Seward section of the railroad and extension of Seward dock facilities.

AND YOUR MEMORIALIST WILL EVER PRAY.

Passed by the House February 27, 1953.

HOUSE MEMORIAL NO. 15

TO THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES; THE CHAIRMAN OF THE UNITED STATES SENATE COMMITTEE ON INTERIOR AND INSULAR AFFAIRS; THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR; THE ADMINISTRATOR, HOUSING AND HOME FINANCE AGENCY; THE ADMINISTRATOR, FEDERAL HOUSING ADMINISTRATION; AND THE DELEGATE TO CONGRESS FROM ALASKA:

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

WHEREAS, by Congressional Act (48 U.S.C.A. 484, 63 Stat. 58) the legislature was authorized to create a public corporation under the name of the Alaska Housing Authority; and

WHEREAS, by said Act the Congress of the United States appropriated the sum of fifteen million dollars, in addition to funds appropriated by the Territory of Alaska, to be used as a revolving fund, for the development of housing facilities in areas of housing shortage in Alaska; and

WHEREAS, under said Act, the legislature of the Territory of Alaska adopted enactments extending and supplementing the authority conferred, and created a public corporate authority

to promote, construct and administer development of the housing program in Alaska; and

WHEREAS, the housing needs of the Territory of Alaska have been alleviated by the authority principally in the heavily populated areas through mass housing projects; and

WHEREAS, Alaskan capital available for financing individual housing development is limited and home loans insured by the Federal Housing Administration through Alaskan banking institutions have been made principally to preferred risks in the larger centers of population; and

WHEREAS, loans in excess of \$500.00 by the Alaska Housing Authority through Congressional Act are limited to public agencies, private non-profit or limited dividend corporations, or private corporation, or private corporations which are regulated or restricted as to rents or sales charges, capital structure, rate of return and methods of operations by the Authority; and

WHEREAS, the housing needs of the Territory could be met more effectively through individual loans administered by and through the Alaska Housing Authority, thus enhancing the economy of the Territory by the utilization of small Alaskan contractors and local manpower;

NOW THEREFORE, your Memorialist, the House of Representatives of the Territory of Alaska, urges that Congressional Act (48 U.S.C.A. 484, 63 Stat. 58) be amended to provide for mortgage loans to individuals through the Alaska Housing Authority, and providing for commitment limits as prescribed by the Federal Housing Administration, for housing development in Alaska, which are now limited in amounts to \$500.00 per dwelling in order that:

1. Housing requirements may be met on an individual basis.

2. The smaller villages and communities of Alaska may participate in the program to alleviate the obvious housing shortages which now exist.

3. Local Alaskan contractors and local manpower might be utilized in the home development program, thus enhancing

the economy of the Territory of Alaska.

AND YOUR MEMORIALIST WILL EVER PRAY.

Passed by the House March 26, 1953.

HOUSE MEMORIAL NO. 16

TO THE TERRITORIAL BOARD OF HEALTH:

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

WHEREAS, Cordova is one of the principal growing communities of Alaska and is so located that it is a service center for an important section of the Territory; and

WHEREAS, existing hospital facilities at Cordova are unsatisfactory and even dangerous from the standpoints of safety and fire protection; and

WHEREAS, the people of Cordova have shown commendable community spirit by planning the construction of a new hospital and by arranging to subscribe local funds thereto; and

WHEREAS, Territorial support in this endeavor is consonant with existing programs of assistance to community hospitals;

NOW THEREFORE, Your Memorialist, the House of Representatives of the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska respectfully urges that there be allotted from appropriations made by the Legislature for matching local and federal funds for hospital construction the sum of \$154,000 for assistance in constructing and equipping the proposed hospital at Cordova.

AND YOUR MEMORIALIST WILL EVER PRAY.

Passed by the House March 20, 1953.