

HOUSE MEMORIAL NO. 23

TO THE GOVERNOR OF ALASKA; THE TERRITORIAL HIGHWAY ENGINEER AND THE TERRITORIAL BOARD OF ROAD COMMISSIONERS:

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

WHEREAS, the City of Hoonah, Alaska, which is a city of the first class, has no permanent industry within its corporate limits and most of the inhabitants of the community earn their livelihood as fishermen or cannery workers in the salmon cannery of the Icy Straits Salmon Company, situated in the immediate vicinity of the City of Hoonah and about two miles outside the corporate limits of the city, and

WHEREAS, there are no transportation facilities from the City of Hoonah to the cannery except by water, and during the fishing season nearly all boats owned by residents and inhabitants of the City of Hoonah are engaged in fishing and out on the fishing grounds, and during that time, when communication is most needed between the City and the cannery, it is extremely difficult and sometimes impossible for the residents of the City of Hoonah to carry on any traffic with the cannery and to get back and forth from their homes in Hoonah to the cannery, and

WHEREAS, a reasonably good road was constructed along the beach from Hoonah to the salmon cannery of the Icy Straits Salmon Company by the Highway Engineer which greatly benefited the City of Hoonah and all the residents and inhabitants thereof, as it enabled the workers in the cannery who reside in Hoonah to go back and forth to their work at the cannery while living at their homes, and

WHEREAS, the road heretofore constructed by the Highway Engineer was completely washed out in several places and rendered unusable by an unusual storm that occurred in November, 1952, so that now there is no communication between the city of Hoonah, Alaska, and the salmon cannery.

NOW THEREFORE, your Memorialist, the House of Representatives of the Territory of Alaska respectfully urges that the Territorial Board of Road Commissioners and the Territorial Highway Engineer make available sufficient funds for the repair and reconstruction of the road leading from the City of Hoonah to the cannery of the Icy Straits Salmon Company, and that the road be repaired, rehabilitated and reconstructed so that it may be in use before the fishing and canning season begins in 1953, and in time to permit travel by all residents and inhabitants of the City of Hoonah who are employed at the cannery before the opening of the fishing and canning season of 1953, and in time to permit such travel by the inhabitants of the City of Hoonah in time to perform all necessary work in and about the cannery in preparation for the fishing and canning season of 1953.

AND YOUR MEMORIALIST WILL EVER PRAY.

Passed by the House March 26, 1953.

HOUSE MEMORIAL NO. 24

TO THE TERRITORIAL HIGHWAY ENGINEER, THE TERRITORIAL BOARD OF ROAD COMMISSIONERS, AND THE ALASKA ROAD COMMISSION:

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

WHEREAS, for several years the Alaska Road Commission has considered connecting the communities of Dillingham and Aleknagik by extending the present road for 17 miles north of Dillingham along Wood River to Lake Aleknagik; and

WHEREAS, the extension of this road would provide a connection between the present DC-3 landing strip near Dillingham and one of the most beautiful sections of Western Alaska and make it easier for out-of-town sports fishermen to visit