

the Secretary of the Interior of the United States give earnest consideration to the wishes of the people of Alaska in the selection of a new General Manager of the Alaska Railroad.

AND YOUR MEMORIALIST WILL EVER PRAY.

Passed by the House February 16, 1953.

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE MEMORIAL
NO. 7

TO THE HONORABLE DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES; TO THE HONORABLE DOUGLAS McKAY, SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR; TO SENATOR EDWARD J. THYE, CHAIRMAN OF THE SENATE SMALL BUSINESS COMMITTEE; TO SENATOR CHARLES W. TOBEY, CHAIRMAN OF THE SENATE INTERSTATE AND FOREIGN COMMERCE COMMITTEE, AND TO THE MEMBERS OF THE CIVIL AERONAUTICS BOARD:

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

WHEREAS, non-scheduled airlines flying to and within the Territory of Alaska provide a vital and necessary service to the growth and well-being of the Territory; and

WHEREAS, alternative means of transportation common in the states, such as railroads and truck lines either do not exist in Alaska or serve only limited areas; and

WHEREAS, non-scheduled airlines first proved the possibility of air freight to Alaska with resulting lower rates; and

WHEREAS, the President of the United States, in the light of long range requirements and planning, in May, 1951, requested the Civil Aeronautics Board to initiate and carry

forward to completion as promptly as possible a study to develop a proposed plan for the continuance of air transport service to Alaska of the character and extent needed to meet the requirements of Alaska and of the national interest; and he further requested that the study be completed in time to be used effectively in considering the question of extension or renewal of certificates for United States-Alaska service; and

WHEREAS, hearings are presently scheduled for the purpose of taking testimony before the Civil Aeronautics Board, beginning June 15, 1953, in what is known as the United States-Alaska case, in which several independent air carriers have applications pending for approval by the Board; and

WHEREAS, the Civil Aeronautics Board has initiated and is conducting an investigation for the purpose of determining whether there is a need for air transportation services by the non-scheduled carriers and, if so, what type of service would be best adapted to the performance of the service required to meet such need, including geographical distribution, types of traffic to be carried, frequency and degree of irregularity of flights, and the public interest in these matters; and

WHEREAS, there was from time to time some twenty-five non-scheduled airlines serving the Territory, most of which have now ceased operations due to unreasonable and unnecessary restrictions imposed on their operations by the Civil Aeronautics Board; and

WHEREAS, the greater part of all non-scheduled carriers to Alaska have had their operating authority revoked by the Civil Aeronautics Board and can continue its operations only if the Supreme Court of the United States decides early in March to review the case; and

WHEREAS, it is believed that affirmative action should now be taken by this body to secure the continuance of these non-scheduled carriers in business;

NOW THEREFORE, Your Memorialist, the House of Representatives of the Territory of Alaska in Twenty-first Session assembled respectfully urges that the Civil Aeronautics Board be requested to defer its revocation of the operating authority of any non-scheduled air carrier doing business in Alaska until

studies of the requirements for air service to Alaska as directed by the president, and Board's investigation of the need for transportation to Alaska by irregular air carriers has been completed; and that the Civil Aeronautics Board be advised of the urgent necessity of maintaining services provided by the non-scheduled air lines to the Territory of Alaska.

AND YOUR MEMORIALIST WILL EVER PRAY.

Passed by the House March 26, 1953.

HOUSE MEMORIAL NO. 8

TO THE GOVERNOR OF ALASKA; THE ALASKA AERONAUTICS AND COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION; AND THE DEPARTMENT OF AVIATION FOR THE TERRITORY OF ALASKA:

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

WHEREAS, the Palmer Municipal Airport is receiving increasingly heavy use by private and commercial aviation interests; and

WHEREAS, this airport is so located and is of such character as to be an important emergency field for the heavy civilian and military air traffic in the vicinity of Palmer and Anchorage; and

WHEREAS, the usefulness of this airport would be significantly increased if it were equipped for operation between sunset and sunrise;

NOW THEREFORE, your Memorialist, the House of Representatives of the Territory of Alaska, in Twenty-first Session assembled, respectfully urges the Alaska Aeronautics and Communications Commission and the Department of Aviation to