

spectfully requests that the Secretary of the Interior and the Director of the Fish and Wildlife Service prohibit fishing for herring for reduction purposes in Southeastern Alaska immediately and until such time as the supply recovers its previous abundance.

AND YOUR MEMORIALIST WILL EVER PRAY.

Passed by the Senate, February 16, 1953.

Passed by the House, February 25, 1953.

SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 10

TO THE HONORABLE E. L. BARTLETT, DELEGATE TO THE CONGRESS FROM ALASKA; AND TO THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES:

Your Memorialist, the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska, in Twenty-first regular session assembled, respectfully represents:

WHEREAS, in 1949 the Congress of the United States passed a statute known as the Alaska Public Works Act (63 Stat. 627); and

WHEREAS, the Congress there declares it to be its policy "to foster the settlement and increase the permanent residents of Alaska, stimulate trade and industry, encourage internal commerce and private investment, develop Alaskan resources, and provide facilities for community life"; and

WHEREAS, the Congress intended that that policy should become effective through "a program of useful public works"; and

WHEREAS, the Congress authorized the appropriation of Seventy Million Dollars (\$70,000,000.00) to carry out that purpose; and

WHEREAS, under the provisions of the Alaska Public Works Act, the Territory and its political subdivisions would cover half that sum into the United States Treasury, through purchases of these useful public works; and

WHEREAS, in effectuating the purposes of this Act, the Congress, in four fiscal years has appropriated less than fifty per cent of the authorized program, specifically Twenty-nine and One Quarter Million Dollars (\$29,250,000.00), or, approximately an average of Seven and a Half Million Dollars (\$7,500,000.00) per year; and

WHEREAS, the program has by its terms only two more years to run; and

WHEREAS, that time and the average appropriations to date will permit the Act to expire without accomplishing its purpose of building the proposed useful public works; and

WHEREAS, the Territory and its communities are sorely in need of these public works and the financial assistance with which to build them; and

WHEREAS, the Territory and its communities have diligently complied with all of the conditions laid down for obtaining these public works; and

WHEREAS, after the adoption of the Alaska Public Works Act, the President declared an emergency based upon the United Nations action in Korea; and

WHEREAS, this emergency resulted in a vastly expanded military program in Alaska which intensified these conditions upon which this Alaska Public Works Act was predicated, increased the need for these public works, and by application proved the wisdom of the policy established; and

WHEREAS, a bill has been introduced into the 83rd Congress (H.R. 2683), which provides for a four-year time extension to the expiration date of the Alaska Public Works Act, which will permit the Congress to appropriate the authorized funds at the average annual rate of previous Congressional appropriations;

NOW THEREFORE, your Memorialist, the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska, respectfully prays that Congress will enact H.R. 2683 to provide for the orderly appropriation of funds to carry out the policy of the Congress, to build useful public works in Alaska, by extending the expiration date of the Alaska Public Works Act to June 30, 1959.

AND YOUR MEMORIALIST WILL EVER PRAY.

Passed by the Senate February 20, 1953.

Passed by the House March 3, 1953.

SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 11

TO THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES AND TO THE
DELEGATE FROM ALASKA:

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

That for generations Alaska has been considered one of the chief gold-producing regions of the world, and during that time it has depended largely upon gold mining and its fisheries to support its economy; and

That there are many mining properties in the Territory and unpatented mining claims held by individuals and corporations where operations cannot now be carried on because of the tremendously increased cost of operation due to the state of war and the emergency which exists at the present time, and

That under the law it is necessary, in order to hold unpatented claims, for the owner to perform \$100.00 worth of work or labor upon each claim each year toward the development of the claim, and

That many claims are in remote regions and the cost of