

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

transportation to and from the claim where the work is required cannot be taken into consideration in computing the cost of the annual labor to be applied to the development of the claim, and the requirement for the performance of this annual labor upon each claim results in working a great hardship upon the owners of unpatented mining claims in the Territory, and

WHEREAS, the continued holding of the claims during the emergency by the present owners is not prejudicial to the rights of others and has no effect upon the economy of the Territory; and

WHEREAS, it is vastly more difficult for the owners of unpatented mining claims in Alaska to comply with the requirements of the law regarding the expenditures for annual labor than it is for owners of claims situated within the States, and a suspension from the requirements of the law during the present national emergency will have no detrimental effect whatsoever, for the reason that under the circumstances such annual labor as can be performed upon unpatented mining claims, with its attendant high cost, very seldom tends to the development of mining property;

NOW THEREFORE, we, your Memorialist, the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska, in Twenty-first Regular Session assembled, respectfully request and petition Congress that legislation be enacted immediately, suspending the requirements for the performance of annual labor upon unpatented mining claims in the Territory of Alaska during the national emergency and for the assessment years beginning July 1, 1952, and ending July 1, 1955; provided that notice of intention to hold as provided above be filed for record on or before July 1 in each assessment year.

AND YOUR MEMORIALIST WILL EVER PRAY.

Passed by the Senate, February 24, 1953.

Passed by the House, March 19, 1953.