

SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 12

TO THE HONORABLE E. L. BARTLETT, DELEGATE TO 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 submits that:

WHEREAS, from the principle that the United States cannot be sued without its consent the general rule has been derived, and adhered to constantly, that agencies and instrumentalities of the United States are not subject to garnishment for moneys due their employees; and

WHEREAS, such a rule not only makes it difficult for creditors to reach lawful claims, but also frequently deprives a creditor from any recourse whatever in realizing on his claim; and

WHEREAS, there are many instances where individuals have left non-government employment to work for the United States with the sole purpose of avoiding payment of their just debts; and

WHEREAS, a rule which exempts from attachment the pay of Federal employees is grossly unfair and discriminatory, since the wages of non-government employees who perform work identical with that of employees of the Federal government, and often in the same location, are subject to attachment by garnishment of the employer;

NOW THEREFORE, your Memorialist, the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska, in Twenty-first regular session assembled, respectfully requests that appropriate legislation be enacted authorizing the attachment of monies owed by Federal agencies and instrumentalities to their employees.

AND YOUR MEMORIALIST WILL EVER PRAY.

Passed by the Senate, February 20, 1953.

Passed by the House, March 3, 1953.