

WHEREAS, repeated attempts to gain a transfer of authority for regulating Alaska fisheries from the Federal government where it now resides to the Territorial government, have been unsuccessful; and

WHEREAS, the people of Alaska by referendum at the October 14, 1952, General Election voted for Territorial control and operation of the Fisheries by a vote of 20,544 to 3,479; and

WHEREAS, Alaska's salmon fisheries, particularly in the areas where fish traps are common, have been depleted to a dangerous extent, requiring immediate remedial action:

NOW THEREFORE, your Memorialist, the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska, respectfully requests that legislation be enacted abolishing fish traps from the waters of the Territory of Alaska.

AND YOUR MEMORIALIST WILL EVER PRAY.

Passed by the Senate, February 24, 1953.

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#### SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 17

TO THE HONORABLE EZRA TAFT BENSON, SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE, AND TO THE HONORABLE E. L. BARTLETT, DELEGATE FROM ALASKA:

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

WHEREAS, there seems to be some opposition on the part of lumbermen in the Pacific Northwest to the development of the timber resources of the National Forests of Alaska; and

WHEREAS, this opposition is presently based on the fear that products from these forests will go to Japan and thus compete with timber products from the Northwestern States; and

WHEREAS, the timber stands of Alaska can produce more timber than the local markets can absorb, and if this timber is to be utilized for the benefit of Alaska and the nation, the surplus must enter world trade in competition with products from other areas; and

WHEREAS, a protest against entry into the timber industry in Alaska could as logically be lodged against any company or the development of any resource other than timber; and

WHEREAS, Alaska's forest resources, composed of many billions of feet of virgin timber, comprises one of the most important renewable natural resources; and

WHEREAS, judicious cutting on a sustained yield basis will harvest the present crop and allow reproduction to grow at a much faster rate than is now taking place and thus contribute to a greater future economy; and

WHEREAS, the economy of the Territory is in desperate need of large scale stable industries that can operate year-round;

NOW THEREFORE, your Memorialist, the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska, requests that the timber on Alaska's National Forests be made available for sale on a competitive bid basis to any company or corporation organized under the laws of the United States and of the Territory of Alaska utilizing American labor at American wages and completing at least primary manufacture of the timber in Alaska regardless of the ultimate destination of the manufactured material; and that such industries be encouraged to become established in the Territory of Alaska.

AND YOUR MEMORIALIST WILL EVER PRAY.

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