

Install a loud speaker system in the Chambers of the Senate and of the House of Representatives for use by the Chief Clerk of the House and the Secretary of the Senate.

NOW THEREFORE, your Memorialist, the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska, respectfully urges and requests that the foregoing recommendations be favorably acted upon and carried out.

Passed by the Senate March 6, 1953.

Passed by the House March 19, 1953.

SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 21

TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE AND THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES, THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, THE POSTMASTER GENERAL, THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR, THE DIRECTOR OF THE PUBLIC BUILDINGS ADMINISTRATION AND THE DELEGATE TO CONGRESS FROM ALASKA:

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

WHEREAS, on a night in December of the year 1940, the combined Courthouse, Jail and Federal Building at Valdez, Alaska, was totally destroyed by fire; and

WHEREAS, ever since the above occurrence, the town of Valdez and embracing area has been without adequate facilities for housing or maintaining prisoners and holding terms of the District Court; and

WHEREAS, all pertinent records and valuable documents pertaining to the Department of Justice, Postoffice Department

and other Federal agencies located at Valdez are scattered throughout the town in various frame buildings, with a constant threat of fire endangering their safe keeping; and

WHEREAS, the population of Valdez has trebled over the past three year period; and

WHEREAS, to cite a relative example, the volume of mail received at the Valdez Postoffice has increased to the point where facilities available do not afford the Postmaster or her assistants opportunity to make available to the public the usual efficient dispersing of the mails to the public when shipments of mail are being assorted, nor, do the present facilities allow the usual safety from theft that citizens of the United States generally accept as being in keeping with the high standards of the United States Postal Service; and

WHEREAS, in reply to previous Memorials directed to them by the Alaska Legislature, the Secretary of the Interior, the Attorney General and the Postmaster General of the United States have individually recognized the necessity for construction of a fireproof Federal Building at Valdez, Alaska;

NOW THEREFORE, your Memorialist, the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska, respectfully prays that the United States Officers and Delegates to Congress from Alaska, to whom this Memorial is submitted, lend their united effort toward obtaining a Congressional appropriation enabling the construction of a combined Courthouse, Jail, Postoffice and general Federal office building at Valdez, Alaska.

AND YOUR MEMORIALIST WILL EVER PRAY.

Passed by the Senate March 12, 1953.

Passed by the House March 20, 1953.