

## SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 23

TO THE HONORABLE DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES; THE HONORABLE SINCLAIR WEEKS, SECRETARY OF COMMERCE; AND TO THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA IN CONGRESS ASSEMBLED:

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

WHEREAS, Under the present policies established imports of fillets, fish and fish products have increased from over nine million pounds in 1940 to in excess of one hundred seven million pounds in 1952; and

WHEREAS, The United States Government through the administrative branches has purchased these imports from foreign countries; and

WHEREAS, It is in the national interests that the development and preservation of our fishing industry be maintained; and

WHEREAS, the fishing industry of Alaska and of the Pacific Coast and of the United States is being threatened by the influx and increase of these imports;

NOW, THEREFORE, your Memorialist respectfully petitions the President of the United States and the Congress of the United States, and the Department of Commerce, to make a determination of the average imports of fillets into the United States in the ten-year period from 1940 to 1950 and establish a quota on such imports based upon that ten-year average; and

That the President of the United States and the Congress take immediate steps to see that all administrative and other branches of the government utilizing fillets purchase and use

said products caught and processed by American fishermen operating on American boats; and

That copies of this Memorial be transmitted to the Honorable Dwight D. Eisenhower, President of the United States; the Honorable Sinclair Weeks, Secretary of Commerce; the Secretary of the United States Senate and the Clerk of the United States House of Representatives.

AND YOUR MEMORIALIST WILL EVER PRAY.

Passed by the Senate March 25, 1953.

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