

## SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 3

TO THE HONORABLE DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES; THE HONORABLE ROBERT A. TAFT, THE HONORABLE EUGENE D. MILLIKIN, THE HONORABLE WARREN G. MAGNUSON, THE HONORABLE GUY CORDON, THE HONORABLE JAMES E. MURRAY AND THE HONORABLE HENRY M. JACKSON, UNITED STATES SENATORS; THE HONORABLE BEN F. JENSEN, UNITED STATES CONGRESSMAN, AND THE HONORABLE E. L. BARTLETT, DELEGATE TO CONGRESS FROM ALASKA:

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

WHEREAS, Congress is called upon almost continually to make appropriations for Alaska; and

WHEREAS, many of these appropriations are for defense construction and public works; and

WHEREAS, costs of work in Alaska greatly exceed costs for similar work in the states; and

WHEREAS, Congress has sought from time to time by investigations and hearings by subcommittees to determine the composition and causes of such costs; and

WHEREAS, great sums of money are being expended in Alaska by the Congress of the United States; and

WHEREAS, the people of Alaska and their Delegate to Congress have repeatedly requested Congress to extend to Alaska the services of the U. S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics in establishing a cost of living expenditures survey with accompanying index, that they might know many of the factors entering into and affecting Alaska's economy; and

WHEREAS, investors in contemplating Alaskan investments also need such information; and

WHEREAS, the cost of living is a major factor entering into any labor agreement; and

WHEREAS, labor cost is one of the major factors used in arriving at costs of projects, it would seem in the interest of true economy that Congress should possess itself of such information as such a survey would reveal; and

WHEREAS, Congress, with an eye to getting the most value for the taxpayer's dollar, needs the same information in evaluating the appropriations requested for Alaska.

NOW, THEREFORE, your Memorialist, the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska, respectfully urges that the Congress of the United States direct the U. S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, to initiate a cost of living expenditures survey and establish and maintain a cost of living index for the Territory of Alaska.

AND YOUR MEMORIALIST WILL EVER PRAY.

Passed by the Senate February 10, 1953.

Passed by the House February 14, 1953.

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#### SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 4

TO THE HONORABLE JOHN FOSTER DULLES, SECRETARY OF STATE:

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

WHEREAS, the halibut fishing industry is of vital importance to the people of the Territory of Alaska and to the economy of the Territory, and

WHEREAS, for the past ten years the landings of halibut