

WHEREAS, there is available an Alaskan who possesses all of the necessary qualifications for the position of General Manager of the Alaska Railroad and who has been endorsed for that position by the Republican Party of Alaska and who has the support of all Alaskans residing within the railbelt area;

NOW THEREFORE, your Memorialist, the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska, respectfully urges that the Secretary of the Interior of the United States give earnest consideration to the wishes of the people of Alaska in the selection of a new General Manager of the Alaska Railroad.

AND YOUR MEMORIALIST WILL EVER PRAY.

Passed by the Senate February 16, 1953.

SENATE MEMORIAL NO. 3

TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES; HONORABLE DOUGLAS MCKAY, SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR; CHAIRMEN OF THE DEFENSE COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE AND SENATE; HONORABLE HUGH BUTLER, CHAIRMAN OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON TERRITORIES; AND HONORABLE E. L. BARTLETT, DELEGATE TO CONGRESS FROM ALASKA:

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

WHEREAS, Seward Peninsula, and especially the Lost River area near Cape Prince of Wales, has the only known deposits of tin and large ledges of cassiterite, from which tin is derived, and

WHEREAS, tin is a strategic mineral in the economy of the United States at this time, and is difficult to obtain, and may be much more difficult on account of war conditions, and

WHEREAS, at the present time there is an operation at Lost River developing a deposit of ore containing tin, with about sixty men employed, and which property is also developing scheelite, from which tungsten is derived in commercial quantities, and

WHEREAS, on account of the nature of the country, the Seward Peninsula, and especially where there are indications of valuable strategic minerals, there are few harbors and fewer roads or transportation facilities of any kind, and

WHEREAS, certain surveys have been made in the area for highways and a railroad from Nenana to Grantley Harbor, a deep-water bay about thirty miles south and east of the mouth of Lost River, and examinations and surveys were made at Port Clarence Bay to determine the feasibility of building a dock for direct loading and unloading of ocean-going steamers, and

WHEREAS, at the close of the last war this work was abandoned and all that portion of Alaska north and west of the Yukon River and all that portion north of the Alaska Railroad was excluded from the defense area, and vast sums expended in the building of roads and rehabilitation of railroads and the construction of airfields in other areas of Alaska, including the Fairbanks and Anchorage areas, and

WHEREAS, on account of its proximity to Russia, the area on Seward Peninsula and that herein described, is of vital strategic importance to the United States, and it is an isolated country and extremely difficult for prospecting and development.

NOW THEREFORE, Your Memorialist, the Senate of the Territory of Alaska, respectfully urges that steps be taken immediately to survey and build a railroad from Nenana on the Alaska Railroad to Grantley Harbor, and that such road work be undertaken on Seward Peninsula and in the vicinity of the valuable prospects for strategic minerals as will promote the prospecting for minerals and the developments of mineral deposits, and that the area herein described be considered as a vital part of the defense area of Alaska and treated accordingly.

AND YOUR MEMORIALIST WILL EVER PRAY.

Passed by the Senate March 6, 1953.