

HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 10

To the President of the United States; the Congress of the United States; Director of Defense Mobilization; Secretary of Defense; Secretary of the Interior; the Governor of Alaska; the Delegate to Congress from Alaska; the Bureau of Public Roads; and the Alaska Road Commission, Juneau, Alaska:

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

WHEREAS, the connection by road of Unalakleet and Kaltag, Alaska, is important to the defense of Alaska and the development of river commerce on the Yukon River; and

WHEREAS, such road would approach the Kateel River area in which approximately 500,000 acres of land are under oil leases; and

WHEREAS, the distance from St. Michael to Kaltag, the usual shipping route, by river is approximately five hundred miles; and

WHEREAS, the distance from Unalakleet to Kaltag by proposed road is approximately only ninety miles; and

WHEREAS, navigation from Kaltag up the Yukon River as far as Galena is open at least thirty days before navigation of the same river is open from St. Michael to Kaltag; and

WHEREAS, the proposed site for said road is a natural roadbed conducive to easy construction; and

WHEREAS, the construction of said proposed road would make it possible to get supplies into Galena by a much shorter route than that now followed in shipping down river from Nenana.

NOW THEREFORE, your Memorialist, the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska, respectfully urges the President of the United States, the Congress of the United States, Director of Defense Mobilization, Secretary of Defense, Secretary of the Interior, the Governor of Alaska, the Delegate to Congress from Alaska, the Bureau of Public Roads, and the Alaska Road Commission, Juneau, Alaska, to appropriate sufficient funds to construct this proposed road between Unalakleet and Kaltag, Alaska, in the construction year of 1956.

And your Memorialist will ever pray.

Passed by the House, February 15, 1955

Passed by the Senate, February 21, 1955