

are being considered by this session of the Legislature and it will be manifestly impossible to properly consider even a major portion of the same within the 60 days allotted to the bienninal session; and

WHEREAS, the economic and tax problems of the Territory, accumulated during the two years prior to the session, are virtually impossible to solve during the 60-day session; and

WHEREAS, governmental affairs in Alaska would be greatly expedited by providing for a 60-day session of the Legislature in odd-

numbered years and a 30-day session in even-numbered years,

NOW THEREFORE, your Memorialist, the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska, respectfully requests that Congress amend the Organic Act of the Territory of Alaska by providing that the Legislature of Alaska meet for 30 days commencing on the third Monday in January of even-numbered years, in addition to the regular 60-day session presently provided for in odd-numbered years.

And your Memorialist will ever pray.

Passed by the House, March 10, 1955

Passed by the Senate, March 19, 1955

HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 21

To the Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare; Surgeon General of the U. S. Public Health Service; the Delegate to Congress from Alaska; and the Governor of Alaska:

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

WHEREAS, the Public Health Service, a branch of the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare after July 1, 1955 will own

and operate hospitals for Indian beneficiaries throughout Alaska, and

WHEREAS, within Alaska there will be two agencies carrying out health programs, namely the U. S. Public Health Service, a Federal agency, and the Territorial Department of Health which leads to confusion, inefficiency and duplication; and

WHEREAS, the Parran team, which has recently reported on Alaska's health problems, recom-

mended that unification of administration of health services in Alaska would result in more services more economically rendered because of unified policy and simplified administration; and

WHEREAS, the Congress recognizing that it would be more efficient, economical and following sound principles, enacted legislation to authorize the Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare to enter into contracts with State and Territorial agencies to perform special duties and functions;

NOW THEREFORE, your Memorialist, the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska, in Twenty-second

Regular Session assembled, respectfully urges that the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, through the Public Health Service, enter into appropriate contracts with the Territory of Alaska for the operation and maintenance and staffing of all hospitals for Indian beneficiaries within Alaska, and it is further urged that such contracts be all inclusive and comprehensive so that the Territorial Government or an agency, bureau or department thereof will not, through such contracts, be obligated for any costs of administration, operation, maintenance or staffing.

And your Memorialist will ever pray.

Passed by the House, March 14, 1955

Passed by the Senate, March 24, 1955

HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 23

To the Honorable Douglas McKay, Secretary of the Interior; the Honorable B. Frank Heintzleman, Governor of Alaska; the Honorable E. L. Bartlett, Delegate to Congress from Alaska; and to the Congress of the United States:

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

WHEREAS, the economic development of the Territory of Alaska

has been severely handicapped by the high costs of transporting virtually all of its materials and supplies into the Territory and of its own products out of the Territory;

WHEREAS, the costs of railroad transportation within the continental United States represent a substantial part of the total transportation bill;

WHEREAS, the American railroads penalize the Territory of Alaska by charging higher rates on