

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

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## 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

freight moving to the Northwest ports for shipment by vessel to Alaska than they do if the shipment is going to the Territory of Hawaii or foreign countries in the Pacific. This penalty is as much as 100% in some cases. The same penalties exist on shipments of Alaskan products into the continental United States;

WHEREAS, the Administrator of General Services has filed a complaint with the Interstate Commerce Commission, which requests that Commission to require the railroads to discontinue this grievous practice;

WHEREAS, the relief sought by the Administrator of General Services on behalf of the Federal Government as a shipper would greatly

assist commercial and other interests in Alaska and thereby benefit its whole economy,

NOW THEREFORE, your Memorialist, the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska, respectfully requests that the attention of the Congress of the United States be directed through the Delegate from Alaska, E. L. Bartlett, to support the efforts of the Administrator of General Services so as to assure the vigorous prosecution of this complaint to a successful conclusion, and to this end to request holdings of hearings within the Territory of Alaska so as to permit the Alaskan community and commercial interests of the Territory an opportunity to be heard.

**And your Memorialist will ever pray.**

Passed by the House, March 19, 1955

Passed by the Senate, March 20, 1955

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## HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 24

**To the Honorable Henry Roden,  
Treasurer of Alaska:**

WHEREAS, Henry Roden, Treasurer of Alaska, is voluntarily retiring from that post on March 31, 1955; and

WHEREAS, Henry Roden has served honorably and ably as Treas-

urer, as Attorney General of Alaska, as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Pioneers Home, and a member of the Senate in the 1913 and subsequent Alaska Legislatures; and

WHEREAS, Henry Roden, pioneer, prospector, miner, lawyer, businessman and public servant has