

care and treatment of the mentally ill in Alaska; and

WHEREAS, the existing procedures for the care and treatment of such persons in Alaska are antiquated, inhuman and cruel; and

WHEREAS, this condition is a matter of grief and shame to all of the people of Alaska, who plead to us, their duly elected representatives and their Delegate to Congress for immediate correction of

this deplorable condition; and

WHEREAS, H. R. 610, a bill to correct this condition is pending before the Congress of the United States;

NOW, THEREFORE, your Memorialist, the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska, urges that this Legislation be passed and approved.

**And your Memorialist will ever pray.**

Passed by the House, January 27, 1955

Passed by the Senate, February 8, 1955

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## HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 4

**To the Honorable William Langer, United States Senator from North Dakota, Senate Office Building, United States Congress, Washington, D. C.:**

Your Memorialist, the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska, in Twenty-Second Regular Session assembled,<sup>1</sup> respectfully submits that;

WHEREAS, the Alaska Legislature is mindful and appreciative of your long demonstrated interest in Alaska, and concern for its welfare; and

WHEREAS, it has come to the attention of said Legislature that

you have introduced a bill in the United States Senate whereby Admiralty Island in Southeastern Alaska would be made a National Park; and

WHEREAS, said Admiralty Island is already included in one Federal reservation, namely, the Tongass National Forest, and has hitherto been subject to recurrent proposals for its further reservation for other purposes; and

WHEREAS, Federal reservations and withdrawals of public lands in Alaska are already so extensive as to retard normal development and

use of our otherwise most plentiful resource; and

WHEREAS, said proposal, if given effect, may adversely affect the nearby communities of Kake and Angoon, whose people traditionally trap on said island; and

WHEREAS, said proposal threatens to limit recreational opportunities and would needlessly retard tourist interest in Southeastern Alaska; and

WHEREAS, said Alaska Legisla-

ture believes your said proposal to be conscientiously motivated but actually detrimental to Alaska's best interests;

NOW THEREFORE, your Memorialist, the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska respectfully urges that said proposal be withdrawn or, in the alternative, that action thereon be deferred pending opportunity for full expression from Alaskans.

**And your Memorialist will ever pray.**

Passed by the House, January 29, 1955

Passed by the Senate, February 9, 1955

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## HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 5

**To the President of the United States, the Secretary of Commerce, the Secretary of the Interior, the President of the Senate of the United States Congress, the Speaker of the House of the United States Congress, the Chairman of the Senate Committee on Commerce, the Chairman of the House Committee on Commerce, and the Delegate in Congress from Alaska:**

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

WHEREAS, a committee headed by General Lucius D. Clay has prepared for the President of the United States a federal-state-local highway program that would cost a total of 101 billion dollars over the next 20 to 30 years; and

WHEREAS, the road program as presented by the Clay Committee calls for a federal expenditure of 24 billion dollars in improving highways throughout the United States; and

WHEREAS, the road needs of the Territory of Alaska are no-