

WHEREAS, less than 1% of the Territory's entitlement to such sections has been reserved to the Territory by reason of lack of federal surveys; and

WHEREAS, the Territory is authorized to lease said lands for periods not in excess of 10 years duration at any one time; and

WHEREAS, some of the reserved school sections are close to or within the corporate boundaries of cities and industrialized areas and there is a growing demand for long term leases from the Territory in order that the leasee will be justified in constructing substantial and permanent improvements and be assured of the opportunity of amortizing the cost of improvements during the term lease period; and

WHEREAS, it will be possible to make a higher use of the land under a long term lease than one of only ten years duration and such higher

use will return increased rentals to the Territory; and

WHEREAS, for the past several sessions of Congress, bills have been introduced to authorize the Territory to enter into leases for school land for longer terms than ten years, and in no case have such bills been favorably acted upon, and the Territory is seriously handicapped in further waiting for favorable action.

NOW THEREFORE, your Memorialist, the House of Representatives of the Territory of Alaska, in the Twenty-second Session assembled, respectfully urges that the Act of March 4, 1915 (48 USC 353) be amended as provided for in H. R. 1570, 83rd Congress, 2nd Session to give the Territory authority for leasing said lands as it may deem proper for a maximum of 55 years at any one time.

And your Memorialist will ever pray.

Passed by the House, March 18, 1955

HOUSE MEMORIAL NO. 16

To the Honorable Dwight D. Eisenhower, President of the United States; the Honorable Douglas McKay, Secretary of the Interior; the Honorable James Murray, Chairman of Interior and Insular Affairs Committee of the United

States Senate; the Honorable Claire Engle, Chairman of the Interior and Insular Affairs Committee of the House of Representatives; the Honorable E. L. Bartlett, Delegate to Congress from Alaska; and to the United

States Congress:

Your Memorialist, the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Alaska, in Twenty-second Session assembled, respectfully represents:

WHEREAS, the original intent of the Congress of the United States in the matter of the Eklutna Project was to furnish low cost power to the people of the railbelt area of Alaska, to stabilize electric power of the area, and to strengthen the military defense of the area; and

WHEREAS, the present high cost of power being supplied by the Eklutna Project in no way carries out the original intent of Congress in the matter of the Eklutna Project,

NOW THEREFORE, your Memorialist respectfully requests that the Congress of the United States take appropriate action to provide for the sale of the Eklutna Project to the people of Alaska.

And your Memorialist will ever pray.

Passed by the House, March 19, 1955

HOUSE MEMORIAL NO. 17

To Colonel Carl Farrell, District Engineer, Alaska District, North Pacific Division, Anchorage, Alaska:

Your Memorialist, the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Alaska, in Twenty-second Session assembled, respectfully represents:

WHEREAS, construction in Alaska is generally limited to a few months each year due to the prevailing climatic conditions; and

WHEREAS, by reason of the seasonal character of the construction work in Alaska there is a substantial amount of unemployment in

Alaska during the winter months; and

WHEREAS, there is as of this date a substantial surplus of skilled and trained laborers in all fields of construction trades in Alaska; and

WHEREAS, it has come to the attention of your Memorialist, the House of Representatives of the Territory of Alaska, that a substantial number of persons are being employed in the United States for work on construction projects in the Territory of Alaska in preference to local labor;

NOW THEREFORE, in deference