

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

to the law of the United States of America, we respectfully request that you exercise your best efforts to secure the employment of Alaska labor on all defense projects under construction or to be constructed, specifically including but not limited to the "DEW-Line" projects, and that the employment of per-

sons from the United States on all construction projects under your jurisdiction be specifically limited to those crafts and trades in which there is no Alaska labor available.

And your Memorialist will ever pray.

Passed by the House, March 20, 1955

HOUSE MEMORIAL NO. 18

To the Congress of the United States; and to the Delegate to Congress from Alaska:

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

WHEREAS, the Territory of Alaska in recent years has experienced an overwhelming influx of people, due principally to the demands of the Federal Government for national defense construction in the Territory; and

WHEREAS, because of this tremendous growth of population the schools of the Territory are crowded beyond the maximum level for the health and safety of the children, and moreover, are generally in a deplorable state of repair; and

WHEREAS, failure to immediate-

ly provide for adequate school facilities will seriously hamper the Federal Government's plan for the security of the Nation by a defense program in Alaska; and

WHEREAS, at the Territorial general election held on October 14, 1952, the people of Alaska by an overwhelming majority vote expressed their wish that the Territory should issue general obligation bonds in a sum not exceeding \$12,500,000 to be used for school buildings and facilities; and

WHEREAS, because of limitations contained in the Alaska Organic Act, the Territory cannot bond itself without affirmative action on the part of Congress; and

WHEREAS, due to the demands for increased school, University, and other urgent capital construction programs, it is no longer possible for the Territory to continue