

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

to attempt to meet these demands from current revenues; and

WHEREAS, in every state the constitution permits and the states have been forced to incur debt for capital construction programs;

NOW THEREFORE, your Memorialist, the House of Representatives of the Territory of Alaska, in Twenty-second Regular Session as-

sembled, respectfully prays that Congress immediately authorize the Territory of Alaska to issue general obligation bonds in sum not exceeding \$12,500,000 for the sole purpose of construction, reconstruction and major repair of school and University buildings and other major capital construction programs.

And your Memorialist will ever pray.

Passed by the House, March 23, 1955

HOUSE MEMORIAL NO. 19

To the President of the United States; the Congress of the United States; the Secretary of the Interior; 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 submits that:

WHEREAS, the provision of Section 27 of the Jones Act, excluding Alaska from the enjoyment of the benefits of through routing over Canadian lines, the same as is bestowed upon every other part of American territory, is a vicious discrimination against and a great injustice and injury to our people; and

WHEREAS, we believe that said discrimination is in violation of the

spirit of Section 9, Article 1, of the Constitution of the United States, which provides that "no preference shall be given by any regulation of commerce or revenue to the ports of one state over those of another"; and

WHEREAS, the Alaska Steamship Company has in the past challenged Alaska by threatening to discontinue operation of ships from Seattle if the Territory opposed any rate increase proposals; and

WHEREAS, previous stoppages of service have resulted in ground-work having been laid for establishing other means of transportation at lower costs primarily by making Canadian service available;

NOW THEREFORE, your Memorialist, the House of Representatives