

WHEREAS, in the case of St. Lawrence Island, which is withdrawn as a reindeer station, only approximately 90 head of reindeer exist and more cannot be supported there for 50 to 100 years in the future because of extreme overgrazing in the past and the slow growth of the lichens and moss on which they feed; and,

WHEREAS, mining operations on St. Lawrence Island, which is usually a hardship area, would create employment opportunities for the native Eskimos and aid their economy; and,

WHEREAS, in the case of the large wildlife refuges on Kodiak

Island, the Aleutian Islands, and the Kenai Peninsula, orderly prospecting and mining could be carried on without disturbing the wildlife under protection and with no conflict with the control or regulations of the Fish and Wildlife Service as is done in some wildlife refuges in the States;

NOW, THEREFORE, your Memorialist, the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska, respectfully urges that these withdrawn lands be opened to prospecting and mining by the respective agencies concerned.

And your Memorialist will ever pray.

Passed by the Senate February 24, 1955

Passed by the House March 4, 1955

SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 11

To 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 respectfully represents:

WHEREAS, Alaska has potential opportunities for great future industrial development; and

WHEREAS many and suitable

sites needed for these industrial plants mills and related use, etc., are owned by the United States Government; and

WHEREAS, under present law the General Land Office does not have authority to make over 160 acres available for patent; and

WHEREAS, some of the sites needed are in excess of 160 acres;

NOW THEREFORE, Your Memo-

rialist, the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska, respectfully prays that Congress immediately authorize sale by the General Land Office, of sites in excess of 160 acres in cases where it can be shown that larger sites are needed for industrial plants, mills and related uses.

The patent should provide that the land would revert to its former status unless used for the purpose intended within a reasonable period of time.

And your Memorialist will ever pray.

Passed by the Senate March 7, 1955

Passed by the House March 18, 1955

SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 12

To the Honorable Dwight D. Eisenhower, President of the United States; the Honorable Richard Nixon, President of the Senate; the Honorable Sam Rayburn, Speaker of the House of Representatives; and to the Honorable E. L. Bartlett, Delegate to Congress from Alaska:

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

WHEREAS, the Territory of Alaska is considered to be "within" the United States for purposes of the Internal Revenue laws of the United States; and

WHEREAS, Alaska residents therefore pay all Federal taxes levied upon residents of the United States; and

WHEREAS, for purposes of the McCarran Immigration Act Alaska is considered to be "outside" the United States; and

WHEREAS, the difference in treatment of Alaskans under the Internal Revenue laws and immigration laws is not in keeping with the equal protection of law that is a basic part of the American heritage;

NOW THEREFORE, Your Memorialist, the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska, in Twenty-Second Regular Session assembled, respectfully urges that the McCarran Act be amended to insure that Alaskans are afforded the rights and responsibilities which are due loyal American citizens.

And your Memorialist will ever pray.

Passed by the Senate March 7, 1955

Passed by the House March 18, 1955