

Senate Joint Memorials

SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 2

To the President of the United States; the Congress of the United States; the Secretary of the Interior; United States Bureau of Mines; Defense Mineral Exploration Administration; and Territorial Delegate to Congress:

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

WHEREAS, the mining industry is at a very low ebb in Alaska while it is advancing in Canada and the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Defense Minerals Exploration Administration program has caused the development of only one mine in Alaska into an economical operation; and

WHEREAS, there are innumerable deposits of strategic minerals in Alaska; and

WHEREAS, many of these min-

eral deposits are of such a size that the tonnage therefrom cannot be economically shipped separately to the States, and the miners cannot survive the lengthy waiting time for payment for their ores; and

WHEREAS, miners could open and mine these deposits if purchasing points were near at hand where their ore could be exchanged for a substantial partial payment immediately; and

WHEREAS, the General Services Administration operates ore purchasing depots in the States, but which are too far removed from Alaska to benefit Alaskan miners; and

WHEREAS, there is an agency ready and willing to perform or assist in performing the sampling and evaluation of such shipments from Alaska for the U. S. Government, namely the Territorial Department of Mines; and

WHEREAS, a Federal ore purchasing program in Alaska would give the Federal taxpayers and the

U. S. Government a definite value returned for their money, which at present under the Defense Minerals Exploration Administration in most cases they do not; and

WHEREAS, the mining economy so much needed in Alaska would be given a definite incentive and boost by such a program;

NOW THEREFORE, your Me-

morialist, the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska, respectfully urges that a United States ore purchasing program be set up in Alaska whereby a substantial partial payment may be made to producers of small lots of strategic minerals at point of production.

And your Memorialist will ever pray.

Passed by the Senate, January 28, 1955

Approved by the Governor, February 7, 1955

SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 3

To the Honorable Dwight D. Eisenhower, President of the United States; to the Honorable John Foster Dulles, Secretary of State; to the United States Tariff Commission; to the Committee for Reciprocity Information; and to the Honorable E. L. Bartlett, Delegate to Congress from Alaska:

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

WHEREAS, the State Department of the United States of America has stated its intention of negotiating the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade with Japan and other member countries; and

WHEREAS, a possible reduction

in the tariff of 22 1/2% ad valorem on canned crabmeat and 15% ad valorem on fresh or frozen crabmeat is to be considered; and

WHEREAS, the cost of production in the Alaska crab industry is high due to costly capital outlays for boats; fishing gear such as nets, trawls and pots; canneries; freezing plants both ashore and afloat; and the necessary high cost of skilled labor which includes fishermen and cannery workers essential for the proper functioning of this industry; and

WHEREAS, this skilled force of workers must command wages commensurate with the high cost of living in Alaska; and

WHEREAS, the profit margin per