

SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 4

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

Your Memorialist, the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska, respectfully submits that:

WHEREAS, the national laws provide that each state containing a national forest is entitled to receive as a payment in lieu of taxes on such forest lands an amount equal to 25 per centum of the proceeds from timber sales, such payments to be used for the support of schools and roads in national forest areas; and

WHEREAS, by special act of Congress, applicable only to Alaska and no other territory or state of the United States, the proceeds from timber sales in the Tongass National Forest have been impounded in the U. S. Treasury and are not available for regular distribution to Alaska; and

WHEREAS, the amount of money so impounded on October 1st, 1954, totalled \$1,428,662.96 of which the Territory was properly entitled to the sum of \$357,165.74; and

WHEREAS, the amounts received from such timber sales are increasing due to the development of the forests of Alaska, and the annual amount to which Alaska is rightfully entitled on the same basis as all other territories and states would be of benefit to the programs for schools and roads in Alaska; and

WHEREAS, the amounts impounded have been set aside, and should be kept available, for the settlement and proper determination of the entitlement of natives of Alaska to such lands in the Tongass National Forest;

NOW, THEREFORE, your Memorialist, the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska in Twenty-Second Session assembled, respectfully urges that the Congress appropriate an amount equal to 25 per centum of the amount of Tongass timber receipts now impounded; and that, hereafter, the Congress annually appropriate an amount equal to 25 per centum of the Tongass timber receipts impounded in each preceding year.

And your Memorialist will ever pray.

Passed by the Senate, February 2, 1955

Passed by the House, February 10, 1955