

SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 5

To the President of the United States; the Secretary of the Interior; the Secretary of the Navy; and the Delegate from Alaska, the Honorable E. L. Bartlett:

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

WHEREAS, certain substantial gas reserves have been found to exist in what is known as the Gubik area of Northern Alaska, which area is at present in Naval Petroleum Reserve No. 4; and

WHEREAS, reliable information indicates that the United States Navy is planning to relinquish the reserve as a naval reserve and place the lands in Petroleum Reserve No. 4 back under the jurisdiction and control of the Department of the Interior of the United States; and

WHEREAS, the gas reserves in the Gubik area, Naval Petroleum Reserve No. 4, could be used to

supply industrial development requirements and other needs of the Fairbanks area and other areas in Northern Alaska with Methane gas; and

WHEREAS, the use of this gas would contribute greatly to the economy of the Territory if it were available,

NOW, THEREFORE, your Memorialist, the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska, respectfully urges that if and when the United States Navy determines that Petroleum Reserve No. 4 in the Gubik area of Northern Alaska is not required by the Navy in connection with national defense or otherwise, that all petroleum and natural gas therein and the rights to the use of all petroleum and natural gas in the area be transferred to the Territory of Alaska for disposition and use in such manner as will best promote the interests of the Territory and its development.

And your Memorialist will ever pray.

Passed by the Senate, February 9, 1955

Passed by the House February 10, 1955

SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 6

To the President of the United States; the Congress of the United

States; the Secretary of the Interior; and Territorial Delegate