

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

to Congress:

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

WHEREAS, in Alaska the performing of 100 dollars worth of assessment work on unpatented mining claims accomplishes very little beneficial work because of the high wage and equipment rates; and

WHEREAS, the remoteness of most claims from roads and the high cost of Alaskan air transportation cause many claim holders to spend a disproportionate amount of money in travel to and from the claims in order to perform the assessment work; and

WHEREAS, construction of mine access roads would be of greater benefit to mines and mineral claims

than the assessment work now being performed; and

WHEREAS, a system similar to that proposed below is employed satisfactorily in some of the Canadian provinces;

NOW, THEREFORE, your Memorialist, the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska, respectfully urges that Federal legislation be passed to allow claim holders to deposit 100 dollars in cash per claim in lieu of assessment work with the recorder of the proper precinct, executing an affidavit therefore, and the money to be forwarded to a fund administered by the Territorial Highway Engineer for the sole use of building mine access roads.

And your Memorialist will ever pray.

Passed by the Senate, February 8, 1955

Passed by the House February 18, 1955

SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 7

To the President of the United States; the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the Congress of the United States; the Secretary of the Interior; the Secretary of Defense; the Secre-

tary of Commerce; the Secretary of the Army; the Secretary of the Navy; all members of the Senate and House Armed Services Committee and E. L. Bartlett, the Territorial Delegate in Congress:

Your Memorialist, the Senate and