

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

House of Representatives of the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska, in Twenty-second Session assembled, respectfully submits that:

WHEREAS, the strategic location of the Territory of Alaska dictates the wisdom of its continued and accelerated defense and development as the rampart of national security; and

WHEREAS, such defense and development can, with adequate concern and appropriations by the federal and territorial governments, be accomplished most effectively by existing forces of all categories of competitive private enterprise and skilled labor now available in the Territory of Alaska; and

WHEREAS, many agencies and instrumentalities of federal government have been, and continue to be, in active competition with private enterprise and labor in the Territory of Alaska to the constant

detriment of the free economic system without which this territory cannot hope to survive and progress;

NOW THEREFORE, your Memorialist respectfully urges that the President of the United States, and the Congress of the United States, appropriately declare through proper departments and instrumentalities of the federal government in the Territory of Alaska that it is the dedicated purpose and policy of the federal government to nurture, sustain and encourage private enterprise and labor in joint efforts in the defense and development of the Territory of Alaska and furthermore it shall immediately be incumbent upon all federal agencies concerned to profess, advocate and promulgate the philosophy of a free, competitive economy through private enterprise and labor.

And your Memorialist will ever pray.

Passed by the Senate February 15, 1955

Passed by the House, March 1, 1955

SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 8

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, in Twenty-Second Regular Session assembled, respectfully submits that: