

Senate Memorials

SENATE MEMORIAL NO. 1

To the President of the United States of America; to the Chairman of the Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs of the Senate; to all members of the Senate and to all members of the House of Representatives of the Congress of the United States and to the Chairman of the Civil Aeronautics Board.

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

WHEREAS, because of its location, the economy, and likewise the welfare of the people, of the Territory of Alaska are entirely dependent upon adequate transportation both within and without its borders; and

WHEREAS, Air transportation is now one of our major industries providing work for hundreds of residents, there being more airplanes per capita in Alaska than in any other country in the world, and this air travel industry being

vital to both such employees, and to the other people of the Territory who receive benefits therefrom by means of rapid transportation and lower living costs; and

WHEREAS, this Legislature has in the past, and is now, doing everything within its power to promote a stable peacetime economy, and has during recent years encouraged tourist travel to Alaska by the creation of an Alaska Visitors Association, hoping thereby to establish the tourist business as one of our major industries; and

WHEREAS, the Alaska Steamship Company has recently ceased carrying passengers between Alaska and the States, leaving the airlines as our only commercial carriers accommodating passengers; and

WHEREAS, we, the Senate of the Twenty-second Legislature of the Territory of Alaska, believing in free enterprise, and deploring the creation of monopolies which would restrict industrial development and hamper the activities of otherwise

free American citizens; and

establishment in case of sudden emergency;

WHEREAS believing in the maintenance of strong defensive measures against outside aggressors for both the Territory and for the States to the south of us, and knowing that retaining sufficient air service between the States and Alaska would provide aircraft, experienced flight crews and ground personnel as well as airway facilities for the use of the military

NOW THEREFORE, your Memorialist respectfully urges the President, the Congress of the United States, and the Civil Aeronautics Board to maintain our present air service to Alaska, and to resist by every means within their power, the efforts of any person, board or agency to reduce the number of airlines serving the Territory.

And your Memorialist will ever pray.

Passed by the Senate, January 26, 1955

SENATE MEMORIAL NO. 2

To the Honorable E. George Siedele, Assistant Postmaster General, Washington, D. C., and Mr. Hollis Hendricks, U. S. Post Office, Cordova, Alaska.

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

WHEREAS, steamer service to Alaska has been greatly curtailed, and

WHEREAS, parcel post, first and fourth class mail destined for Cordova has been unloaded from the ships at Seward, Alaska, and trans-

shipped directly by air from Seward to Cordova, and

WHEREAS, recently parcel post and fourth class mail was eliminated from air shipment and is now brought to Anchorage via train, then by truck to the Anchorage Post Office for sorting, thence to the International Airport by truck, and thence to Cordova by air, and

WHEREAS, this new method of handling is greatly delaying the delivery of fourth class mail and parcel post to Cordova, a city of the first class in Alaska, and

WHEREAS, there is no apparent saving commensurate with the re-