

duction in the quality of service,

THEREFORE, your Memorialist prays that the Post Office Department review its present procedure,

and reinstate the air transportation of all mail and parcel post from Seward to Cordova,

And your Memorialist will ever pray.

Passed by the Senate, February 16, 1955

SENATE MEMORIAL NO. 3

To the Honorable Douglas McKay, Secretary of the Interior; to Glenn L. Emmons, Commissioner of Indian Affairs; and to William H. Olsen, Director, Alaska Native Service:

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

WHEREAS, it is our responsibility and intent to provide proper educational opportunities to all peoples of Alaska, native or non-native, and

WHEREAS, the laws of the United States provide that the Alaska Native Service is responsible for the education of the native people of the Territory of Alaska, and

WHEREAS, these needs are not presently being adequately met for more than 200 native school children in the operation of five old

and inadequate school buildings at Kotzebue, Alaska, and

WHEREAS, these old and widely separated buildings are costly to operate and to maintain, and

WHEREAS, the Territory of Alaska should not be required, through local responsibility, to assume the excessive cost of maintenance and operation of five old and widely separated buildings, and

WHEREAS, no high school is available to any school children in the entire Arctic region, and

WHEREAS, Kotzebue, Alaska, acts as a hub for activities of eleven villages of the Arctic area and is showing steadily increasing native population growth as a result of increasing integration of native residents into the Territorial economy, and

WHEREAS, it is the birthright of every American citizen to have equal education opportunities,

NOW THEREFORE, your Memorialist, the Senate of the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska, in Twenty-second Regular Session assembled, requests funds be appropriated

for the immediate construction of adequate grade and high schools at Kotzebue, Alaska, to meet the needs of the rapidly changing Arctic native culture and economy.

Passed by the Senate, March 8, 1955

SENATE MEMORIAL NO. 4

To the Honorable Warren G. Magnuson, United States Senator; to the Chairman, Interstate Commerce Commission; to the Chairman, Federal Maritime Board.

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

WHEREAS, the Honorable Secretary of Interior has announced that consideration is being given to the letting of a contract to a common carrier by water for the operation of a Sea-train to Alaska; and

WHEREAS, such a contract, after being given force and effect, is, in fact, equivalent to a franchise in the field of Sea-train transportation; and

WHEREAS, such service is a drastic departure from the standard and long established type of water service to Alaskan ports, and, being untried, merits the most thorough

and unbiased consideration and investigation of all segments of Alaskan population and enterprise that is pre-destined to absorb all costs of such innovation in steamship service by application of local and interstate tariffs; and

WHEREAS, the residents of Alaska have not been consulted or afforded an opportunity to express opinions or interrogate sponsors of the proposed new service that will be such a vital factor in their future;

NOW THEREFORE, your Memorialist prays that this all-important matter of Sea-train service be the subject of a hearing in Alaska by the Honorable Warren G. Magnuson and such other members of Congress and interested government agencies as will contribute to an equitable consideration of the problems involved by evaluating the opinions and expressions of the residents of the Territory of Alaska.

And your Memorialist will ever pray.

Passed by the Senate March 11, 1955