

Senator; Honorable E. L. Bartlett, Delegate to Congress from Alaska; and Honorable James T. Pyle, Administrator, Civil Aeronautics Administration;

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

WHEREAS, air transportation is vital to the economy of Alaska; and

WHEREAS, an adequate airport construction and maintenance program is necessary if the economy of the Territory is to continue to expand; and

WHEREAS, under provisions of Public Law 211, 84th Congress, the sum of \$5,175,000 was obligated for Alaskan airport construction for period beginning July 1, 1956, and ending June 30, 1959; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Airport Aid program recognizes that favorable treatment should be given to those states which have unappropriated and unreserved public lands exceeding 75 per cent of the total area; and

WHEREAS, it authorizes Federal matching funds in an amount of 50 per cent, and an additional amount equal to one-half of such states' total area of public lands not to exceed 25 per cent for a maximum of aid of 75 per cent of the total construction cost; and

WHEREAS, Alaska is the only

jurisdiction subject to the limitation imposed by the Federal Airport Act; and

WHEREAS, if this limitation of the Federal Act were not applicable the Federal participation in Alaska would reach a total of 98 per cent, since 99 per cent of the total land area of Alaska belongs to the Federal Government;

NOW, THEREFORE, Your Memorialist, the House and Senate of the Territory of Alaska, in Twenty-third Session assembled, respectfully urges that Section 10(c) of the Federal Airport Aid Act (49, USC, 1101-19) be amended by changing the numeral 75 to 90 so that it would read as follows:

"(c) The United States share payable on account of any approved project in the Territory of Alaska shall be such portion of the allowable project costs of the project (not less than 50 per centum in the case of a Class 3 or smaller airport, but not to exceed 90 [75] per centum in the case of an airport of any size) as the Administrator may deem appropriate for carrying out the provisions of this Act."

And your Memorialist will ever pray.

Passed by the House March 1, 1957.

Passed by the Senate March 7, 1957.

HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 12

To the President of the United States, Congress of the United States, the President of the

United States Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

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

WHEREAS, the future prosperity of the Territory of Alaska will be dependent primarily upon mining, fishing and lumbering; and

WHEREAS, the gold mining properties of the United States and Alaska, and more particularly the gold mining properties within our Territory, and the operators are confronted by tremendously increased wage and material costs, and are unable to sell their products in the markets of the world, but are instead compelled to sell only to the United States Government at the inexorable fixed price of \$35.00 an ounce as provided in the Gold Reserve Act of 1934; and

WHEREAS, since 1934 wage costs have more than tripled and costs of necessary materials and all other operating costs have more than doubled, during which period there has been no increase in the price of gold; and

WHEREAS, continuance of the gold mining industry in Alaska is of vital importance to the economic welfare of the Territory; and

WHEREAS, there are pending in the 85th Congress, both in the House and Senate, certain bills which have for their purpose removal of some of the restrictions which now prevent the operation of gold mining properties in the United States and Alaska, and the passage of which would help alleviate the above-mentioned depressing conditions; and

WHEREAS, among such bills are S. 325, by Senator Murray of Montana, H.R. 625 by Mr. Engle of California, H. R. 375 by Mrs. Pfof of Idaho, H. R. 2132 by Mr. Baring of Nevada, and H. R. 3800 by Mr. Bartlett of Alaska.

NOW, THEREFORE, Your Memorialist, the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska, respectfully urges the passage of one of the bills now before Congress which would allow gold producers to sell their gold in the open market of the world without restriction.

And your Memorialist will ever pray.

Passed by the House March 1, 1957.

Passed by the Senate March 7, 1957.

HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 13

To the Honorable Fred A. Seaton, Secretary of the Interior; the Honorable Waino E. Hendrickson, Governor of Alaska; the Honorable E. L. Bartlett, Delegate to Congress from Alaska:

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

WHEREAS, the Russian Orthodox Greek Catholic Church of North America has applied for a patent to the land occupied by the present day Naknek village under the Act of June 6, 1900, claiming said land as the Pogugvik mission, the same being Anchorage 023039; and

WHEREAS, said application is being protested by the residents of