

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

Naknek village; and

WHEREAS, by decision dated July 1, 1955, the Manager, Land Office, Anchorage, Alaska, ordered a hearing at Naknek, Alaska in order that the rights of all interested parties might properly be determined; and

WHEREAS, by decision dated November 16, 1956 by Earl C. Thomas, the acting director of the Bureau of Land Management, Washington, D. C., summarily vacated the decision of July 1, 1955 and the residents of Naknek were thereby deprived of an opportunity to be heard in this matter; and

WHEREAS, said residents strongly contend that there are substantial questions of fact that should be determined by public hearing at Naknek, Alaska, before they are deprived of substantial property rights without due process of law; and

WHEREAS, said residents further contend that they are entitled to a hearing as a matter of right under

the Rules of Practice of the Bureau of Land Management, 43 CFR, 221.1 et sequitur; the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act of June 11, 1946; and by the due process clause of the Constitution of the United States.

NOW, THEREFORE, your Memorialist, the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska, respectfully requests as a matter of justice, equity, and due process of law, that prior to a final determination with respect to Anchorage 023039 a public hearing be held at Naknek, Alaska, where the land and witnesses are located, in order that the claims of all interested parties be heard and determined in accordance with the established American concept of due process of law.

And your Memorialist will ever pray.

Passed by the House February 25, 1957.

Passed by the Senate March 4, 1957.

HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 14

To the Honorable Dwight D. Eisenhower, President of the United States; the Honorable Frederick A. Seaton, Secretary of the Interior; the Honorable Charles E. Wilson, Secretary of Defense; the Honorable James Murray, Chairman of the Interior and Insular Affairs Committee of the United States Senate; and the Honorable Clair Engle, Chairman of the Interior and Insular Affairs Committee of the House of Representatives:

Your Memorialist, the Legislature

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

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Air Force has filed Application Serial No. Fairbanks 010087, published in the Federal Register of November 29, 1956, for a withdrawal of 2700 acres of land in the Cape Prince of Wales area of the Seward Peninsula, Alaska, which includes Cape Creek; and

WHEREAS, Cape Creek contains large reserves of tin-bearing gravels