

WHEREAS, the Twenty-third Session of the Alaska Legislature has passed enabling legislation establishing policies for the administration of any lands acquired by Alaska and has created a Department of Lands capable of such administration,

NOW THEREFORE, Your Memorialist, the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska, respectfully requests and petitions Congress that Alaska be granted title to its shorelands, tide and submerged lands

and its inland waters, for administration thereunder; or in lieu thereof said lands be removed from their present status and be made available to the Department of Interior for administration in behalf of the Territory of Alaska.

And your Memorialist will ever pray.

Passed by the House March 5, 1957.

Passed by the Senate March 7, 1957.

HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 19

To the Honorable Dwight D. Eisenhower, President of the United States; Honorable E. L. Bartlett, Delegate to Congress from Alaska; Honorable Ernest Gruening and Honorable William Egan, Senators-elect from Alaska; and Honorable Ralph Rivers, Representative-elect from Alaska.

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

WHEREAS, Section 27 of the Jones Act (Merchant Marine Act of 1920, 46 U.S.C.A., Sections 861-889) is grossly discriminatory against the Territory of Alaska in that it requires all shipments originating in the Eastern United States and carried westward across the continent by Canadian railway to be carried north in American flagships, although similar shipments destined for Pacific Coast ports of the United States may be hauled south in Canadian ships; and

WHEREAS, the professed original purpose to protect Puget Sound

shipping interests to foster an American coastwise merchant marine as "necessary for the National Defense" has been clearly superseded by the great development of Alaska and the present position of the Territory in the scope of National Defense; and

WHEREAS, the strategic importance of Alaska has been amply demonstrated by the events of World War II and developments subsequent thereto, and it is apparent that the growth of Alaska into a strong buffer state is now indispensable to the national interest, and that the Territory can not become a bulwark of strength unless its development be treated without prejudice as a matter of national policy; and

WHEREAS, the wording of the Jones Act is openly discriminatory, and seriously hinders the development of Alaska in that it guarantees to single shipping interests the monopolistic right of northern trade which is derogatory to the development of the Territory in the best interests of national secur-

ity; and

WHEREAS, high freight rates have obstructed Alaska's development for over thirty years and the effect of the Jones Act has been to substantially increase the power of present West Coast American shipping monopolies at the further and discriminatory expense of the industry and commerce of Alaska, and at great sacrifice to the development of the Territory, which development is of paramount importance to the nation as a whole; and

WHEREAS, freight rates under free competition would open up hauling of cargo from Eastern United States to ports on the West Coast of Canada, and thence by Canadian ships to Alaska coastal points at approximately two-thirds the now existing rates from Se-

attle; and

WHEREAS, it is not a principle of the government of the United States to favor discriminately one segment or group of citizens to the detriment of another,

NOW, ~~THEREFORE~~, we, your Memorialists, the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska, in Twenty-third Regular Session assembled, do respectfully pray that Section 27 of the Jones Act be amended to remove the present discrimination therein contained against the Territory of Alaska.

And your Memorialist will ever pray.

Passed by the House March 17, 1957.

Passed by the Senate March 25, 1957.

HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 20

To the President of the United States; Congress of the United States; the Secretary of Interior; and the Delegate to Congress from Alaska.

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

WHEREAS, Alaska is lacking in basic industry which is essential for the establishment of a sound tax bases; and

WHEREAS, Alaska is known to have important natural resource potentials in timber, fish and minerals including oil and gas; and

WHEREAS, it has been proven in other areas that when industrial tax incentives have been offered

to new industries for a reasonable period of time, such a policy has in no way reduced tax revenues but has created a much broader tax base eventually resulting in greatly increased revenues; and

WHEREAS, in an attractive economic atmosphere, every twenty-four hours three million dollars of American investment capital are being poured into the development of Canadian resources, as compared with a like amount in Alaska each year; and

WHEREAS, the Twenty-third Session of the Alaska Legislature by its action in passing H.B. 186 (an industrial tax incentives measure patterned after the Puerto Rico Industrial Incentives Act of 1954), has acknowledged the need for in-