

House Joint Memorials

HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 1

To the Honorable Dwight D. Eisenhower, President of the United States; The Honorable Fred Seaton, Secretary of the Interior; The Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs of the United States Senate; The Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs, United States House of Representatives; The Congress of the United States

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

WHEREAS, statehood in the American union on a basis of full equality has long been an aspiration of the people of Alaska, believing in government of, by and for the people; and

WHEREAS, the people of Alaska have, for a long time past, demonstrated their ability and fitness to assume the full rights, obligations and duties of citizens of the United States, and now desire to form themselves into a state, as the people of all other territories have done before them; and

WHEREAS, the people of the United States, Committees of the Congress of the United States, and the National platforms of both our major political parties have called for the early admission of Alaska to statehood; and

WHEREAS, the Territory of Alaska has now written and adopted a constitution for the proposed State of Alaska, by overwhelming majority, and has elected a Representative and Senators to the Congress of the United States, as provided by the Constitution;

NOW THEREFORE, Your Memorialist, the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska respectfully prays that the Congress of the United States, at its present Session, adopt legislation admitting Alaska as a State of the Union and seating its duly elected representatives.

And your Memorialist will ever pray.

Passed by the House January 28, 1957.

Passed by the Senate January 31, 1957.

HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 2

To: The President of the United States, the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the Congress of the United States, the Attorney General, the Postmaster General, the Secretary of the In-

terior, the Director of the Public Building Administration, the Delegate to Congress from Alaska, Alaska Senators elect William Egan and Ernest Gruening, Alaska Congressman elect Ralph Rivers and the Committee on

**Interior and Insular Affairs of
the United States Senate:**

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

WHEREAS, The community of Bethel, Alaska, which is situated on the lower Kuskokwim River, services a large area as a trade center and transfer point for mail and commerce, by regular air carriers, to many villages and mining camps in that portion of the Territory of Alaska, and

WHEREAS, Many tons of U. S. Mail must be sorted and rerouted through its local post office, which is a dilapidated old wood frame building, comparable in size to a one car garage, and

WHEREAS, Many Governmental services, on the Federal level, are maintained for the health and welfare of the people in that given regional area, which are housed under similar conditions as that of the post office and create a great maintenance cost to the respective agencies, and

WHEREAS, the United States Marshal's Office for one third of the Fourth Judicial Division is

maintained at Bethel, which is housed in an old Army building not adequate to facilitate the means of that office to guarantee safe conduct of a Federal prisoner, and

WHEREAS, The records of the United States Commissioners Office are of great value and importance to the local area and should be safe-guarded from becoming lost or being destroyed by fire or other unforeseen disaster;

NOW THEREFORE, Your Memorialist, the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska, respectfully prays that the United States Officers, the Delegate to Congress from Alaska and the Senators and Congressman elect from Alaska, to whom this Memorial is submitted, lend their united effort toward obtaining a Congressional appropriation in the present session, enabling the construction of a fire-proof building to provide facilities for a combined Courthouse, Jail, Postoffice and other governmental office space at Bethel, Alaska.

And your Memorialist will ever pray.

Passed by the House February 15, 1957.

Passed by the Senate February 20, 1957.

HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 3

To the Territorial Highway Engineer, the Territorial Board of Road Commissioners, and the Bureau of Public Roads:

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

WHEREAS, portions of the Sterling Highway in the central and southern parts of the Kenai Peninsula remain unimproved and unpaved; and

WHEREAS, the entire economic life and future of all persons, businesses and communities, in-