

**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-

cluding Homer, Anchor Point, Deep Creek, Nimilchik, Clam Gulch, Cohoe, Soldotna, Kenai, Sterling and the Cooper Landing-Kenai Lake areas, is dependent upon said highway, the improvement and paving of which would accelerate and assure the prosperity and security of said persons, businesses and communities; and

WHEREAS, the people of areas concerned have and will continue to generously and greatly contribute to the economy and development of the entire Territory and would, with the improvement and paving of said Highway, be in a position to increase said contributions; and

WHEREAS, this requested investment in road improvement and

paving will be more than returned in the preservation, development and prosperity of persons, industries and communities as well as the safeguard of the public welfare.

NOW THEREFORE, we request that such sums be expended as are necessary to improve and pave the portions of the Sterling Highway remaining unimproved and unpaved, and further, request that such program be commenced in the early spring of 1957, as soon as is practical.

And your Memorialist will ever pray.

Passed by the House February 6, 1957.

Passed by the Senate February 13, 1957

HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 5

To the Director of the Bureau of Public Roads, the Territorial Board of Road Commissioners, the Highway Engineer and the Governor for the Territory of Alaska

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

WHEREAS, Under Section 107 of H. R. 10660 of the 84th Congress, Known as THE FEDERAL AID HIGHWAY ACT FOR ALASKA, a highway program for Alaska is to be established; and

WHEREAS, Under these provisions, a proposed system or systems of roads must be agreed upon by the Governor of Alaska, the Territorial Highway Engineer of Alaska, and the Secretary of Commerce for the United States; and

WHEREAS, For a continuing and orderly program of highway construction in the Fourth Division of Alaska, to its vast mining areas and otherwise, careful consideration must be given to a sound priority schedule;

NOW THEREFORE, Your Memorialist respectfully petitions that the highways to be constructed in the Fourth Judicial Division follow to every extent the below submitted priority schedule;

First priority — Fairbanks — Nenana — Healy

Second priority — Livengood — Eureka — Rampart — Tanana

Third priority — Fairbanks — Chena Hot Springs

Fourth priority — Healy — McKinley