

HOUSE MEMORIAL NO. 11

To the Honorable Dwight D. Eisenhower, President of the United States; the Congress of the United States; the Secretary of the Interior; the Attorney General of the United States; and the Delegate to Congress from Alaska:

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

WHEREAS, approximately \$250,000.00 per year in fines and forfeitures is collected in the U. S. Commissioner's Courts and U. S. District Courts in Alaska, from Alaska citizens, for violations of Territorial laws and Regulations, and

WHEREAS, These fines are presently paid into the Federal Treasury, and

WHEREAS, the Territory of Alaska has assumed the obligation and responsibility for providing law enforcement protection in the rural

areas of the Territory of Alaska by the organization and financial support of a Territorial Police organization, and

WHEREAS, the majority of the fines and forfeitures collected in the U. S. Commissioner's Courts and the U. S. District Courts in Alaska are for violations of Territorial Laws for which prosecution was brought by Officer of the Territory;

NOW THEREFORE, Your Memorialist, the House of Representatives of the Territory of Alaska respectfully prays that the 85th Congress of the United States adopt legislation permitting part of these funds to be covered into the General Fund of the Territorial Treasury for the purpose of meeting the expenses of the Territory in providing for the administration of justice in Alaska.

And your Memorialist will ever pray.

Passed by the House March 22, 1957.

HOUSE MEMORIAL NO. 12

To the Honorable Fred A. Seaton, Secretary of Interior; Honorable Henry M. Jackson, United States Senator; Honorable Warren G. Magnuson, United States Senator; Honorable Wayne Morse, United States Senator; Honorable Richard Neuberger, United States Senator; Honorable John L. McClellan, Chairman, Senate Committee on Government Operations; Honorable James E. Murray, Chairman, Senate Committee on Interior and Insular Af-

fairs; Honorable Clare E. Hoffman, Chairman, House Committee on Government Operations; Honorable Clair Engle, Chairman, House Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs; Honorable E. L. Bartlett, Delegate to Congress; Honorable Glenn L. Emmons, Commissioner of Indian Affairs; Honorable William Olsen, Director, Alaska Native Service.

Your Memorialist, the House of Representatives of the Territory of

Alaska, in Twenty-third Session assembled, respectfully represents:

WHEREAS, the mutuality of interests between the United States Government and the Territorial Government of Alaska in providing education for Alaska children has been prevalent throughout the whole struggle for Alaska school facilities; and

WHEREAS, because of the vast area of the Territory and its diversified population, the Territorial Government has only been able to and has concentrated its efforts to establish school facilities in the more densely populated areas, while the United States Government shoulders the burden of providing school facilities in the more isolated areas where non-tax-paying Natives are located; and

WHEREAS, the United States Government through the Alaska Native Service presently operates 80 day schools located throughout the more remote areas and two boarding schools located at Sitka and Wrangell, thereby affording school facilities to larger numbers of Native children who otherwise would be denied even an elementary education because of the lack of such school facilities; and

WHEREAS, a determined and progressive attitude has been taken towards providing more elementary and secondary or high schools for the vast number of Native students in Alaska; and

WHEREAS, the need for such a program is eminent and urgent and the Territorial Government is unable to provide all such facilities at this time; and

WHEREAS, the Alaska Native Service personnel in charge of operating, conducting and teaching in such schools are of the highest caliber, devoted to their duties and expending their full energy in its behalf and many making their careers of supplying educational facilities and training in areas most seriously needing such facilities and teaching, thereby raising the educational standard and the general, social and economic status of the Native population of Alaska; and

WHEREAS, said Alaska Native Service has been and is continuing to work in close harmony and cooperation with the Territorial Board of Education and with school boards in all areas of Alaska in order to promote the general educational interests of the Native people and the improvement of the school system in Alaska;

NOW THEREFORE, your Memorialist, the House of Representatives of the Territory of Alaska, in Twenty-third Session assembled, respectfully requests that the Alaska Native Service be commended for its untiring efforts in behalf of the educational program of Alaska and that it be encouraged and afforded the opportunity to continue and to enlarge this beneficial program until such time as conditions will permit the responsibility for the education of all Natives in Alaska to be taken over by the Territorial Department of Education.

And your Memorialist will ever pray.

Passed by the House March 21, 1957.