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SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 9

To the Honorable Waino Hendrickson, Acting Governor of Alaska; the Honorable Sinclair Weeks, Secretary of Commerce; the Honorable C. D. Curtiss, Commissioner of the Bureau of Public Roads; the Honorable A. F. Ghiglione, Acting Regional Engineer, Region Ten, Bureau of Public Roads; the Honorable Irving Reed, Territorial Highway Engineer; the Territorial Board of Road Commissioners.

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

WHEREAS, at the present time there is no public surface transportation system extending from Homer, Alaska, on the Kenai Peninsula, and Seldovia, Alaska, to Dillingham, King Salmon and Naknek, Alaska, on the Alaska Peninsula; and

WHEREAS, establishment, construction and maintenance of such an integrated system, consisting of connecting ferry and road segments, would open up tremendous unlimited potential development in agriculture, animal husbandry, mining, petroleum, commercial and sport fishing, hunting, and tourism; and

WHEREAS, said system as an extension of the Sterling Highway, would provide linking overland transportation to the cities of Valdez, Anchorage, and Fairbanks, Alaska, facilitating the transportation of persons, materials and supplies, and the movement of military personnel and equipment, and would enable the remote regions thus reached to participate to a considerably greater degree in the growth and prosperity of Alaska.

NOW THEREFORE, your Memorialist, the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska in Twenty-third Session assembled, respectfully urges that the Sterling Highway be extended by adding thereto an integrated ferry and road system from Homer via Seldovia, Bruin Bay, Big Mountain and Iguigig to Dillingham and to King Salmon and Naknek, and that such system be designated part of the highway system under the Federal Highway-Aid program.

And your Memorialist will ever pray.

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SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 10

To the Honorable Dwight D. Eisenhower, President of the United States; the Honorable Fred Seaton, Secretary of the Interior; the

Honorable Ross L. Leffler, Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Fish and Wildlife; the Honorable James Murray, Chairman of the

Interior and Insular Affairs Committee of the United States Senate; the Honorable Clair Engle, Chairman of the Interior and Insular Affairs Committee of the House of Representatives; the Honorable Waino Hendrickson, Acting Governor of Alaska; the Honorable E. L. Bartlett, Delegate to Congress from Alaska and to the United States Congress:

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

WHEREAS, when the original Thirteen Colonies banded together to create a union of states and to formulate a constitution, certain powers were delegated to the Federal Government, while others were retained by the States; and

WHEREAS, among those powers retained was the control of the commercial fish resources, which were considered to be the property of the state and to be regulated for the benefit of all the people of the state; and

WHEREAS, every new state entering the union did so on an equal basis with the older states and accordingly retained control of its commercial fish resources; and

WHEREAS, every territory, except one, was also allowed to control these resources before becoming a state, this one exception being Alaska; and

WHEREAS, the people of the Territory of Alaska have time and again recorded their wish for control of their fisheries; and

WHEREAS, repeated legislation has been introduced in the Congress of the United States asking that

the people of Alaska have extended to them the same right of control over commercial fisheries as has been granted and is enjoyed by the several states, and

WHEREAS, the Territorial Legislature has created and appropriated monies to a Territorial Fisheries Department and an Alaskan Fishery Board; and

WHEREAS, Alaska's fisheries, in the past, have suffered alarming depletion under Federal management, while those of neighboring jurisdictions have, under local control, steadily improved; and

WHEREAS, the Alaska Department of Fisheries has been functioning in an efficient manner for nearly eight years and are able to expand and assume all duties and responsibilities incident to full control of the fisheries of Alaska; and

WHEREAS, it is an affront to the people of Alaska that their continued pleas for the right to manage and control their major industry and resource have gone unheeded;

NOW THEREFORE, Your Memorialist, the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska in Twenty-third Session assembled, respectfully prays that the Congress of the United States, in accordance with the mandate of the people of Alaska, act at once to transfer control of the commercial fisheries of Alaska to the government of the Territory of Alaska.

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