

SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 11

To the Honorable Dwight D. Eisenhower, President of the United States of America; the Congress of the United States; the Honorable Fred A. Seaton, Secretary of the Interior of the United States; and the Honorable E. L. Bartlett, Delegate to Congress from Alaska.

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

WHEREAS, sport fishing in the Territory of Alaska for grayling, trout, salmon and other species of fish constitutes a valuable recreation for residents and non-residents of the Territory; and

WHEREAS, hunting in Alaska for moose, caribou, deer, goat, sheep, grouse, ptarmigan, and other game animals and game birds, likewise, is a heartily enjoyed recreation for both residents and non-residents of the Territory; and

WHEREAS, sport fishing and hunting offers some of the most important attractions for inducing people to make their permanent homes in Alaska; and

WHEREAS, one of the strongest enticements Alaska has to offer its tourists is the hunting and fishing found in the Territory; and

WHEREAS, the sport fish and game animals in the Territory have a tremendous aesthetic value to the sportsman, nature lover and camera enthusiast; and

WHEREAS, sport fish and game animals in Alaska are in need of scientific study and management; and

WHEREAS, the 1949 Session of

the Territorial Legislature, realizing, among other things, the value of sport fishing in the Territory, created an Alaska Fisheries Board and an Alaska Department of Fisheries; and

WHEREAS, the Alaska Fisheries Board initiated a Sport Fish Division which is staffed with well trained and experienced sport fish biologists who have amply demonstrated their ability in sport fish rehabilitation, research and related projects during the past six years; and

WHEREAS, the 1957 Session of the Territorial Legislature created an Alaska Fish and Game Commission and an Alaska Department of Fish and Game which has the Territorial administration of all the fish and game resources of the Territory; and

WHEREAS, monies collected from hunting and fishing license sales cannot be used for any other purpose than the administration of the sport fish and game resources of the Territory; and

WHEREAS, under the present Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Act (16USCA 669 et seq.), commonly known as the Pittman-Robertson Act, and under the present Federal Aid in Fish Restoration Act (16 USCA 777 et seq.), commonly known as the Dingell-Johnson Act, funds allotted to Alaska are not given to the Territory, but to a Federal agency; and

WHEREAS, in the case of every other territory and possession (Hawaii, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands) these funds are given to the local agency;

NOW THEREFORE, Your Memorialist, the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska in Twenty-third Session assembled, respectfully urges that the Congress of the United States amend the Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Act (16 USCA 669 et seq.) and the Federal Aid in Fish Restoration Act (16 USCA 777 et seq.) to authorize the Secretary of the Department of the Interior to cooperate with the Terri-

tory of Alaska by allotting Alaska's share of these Federal funds for the conduct of sport fish and game restoration to the Alaska Department of Fish and Game.

And your Memorialist will ever pray.

Passed by the Senate March 14, 1957.

Passed by the House March 21, 1957.

SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 12

**To the Honorable Fred A. Seaton,
Secretary of the Interior, Wash-
ington 25, D. C.**

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

WHEREAS, certain substantial gas reserves have been found to exist in what is known as the Gubik area of northern Alaska; and

WHEREAS, the Gubik gas field lies, for the most part, outside of the boundaries of Naval Petroleum Reserve No. 4; and

WHEREAS, the Gubik gas field lies entirely within Public Land Order No. 82; and

WHEREAS, gas reserves in the Gubik area lying outside of Naval Petroleum Reserve No. 4 could be used as a resource of heat and power of the Fairbanks and Railroad area of Alaska; and

WHEREAS, the use of this gas would contribute greatly to the de-

velopment to private enterprise; and

WHEREAS, the development of the Gubik area lying outside of Naval Petroleum Reserve No. 4 would not affect Naval Petroleum Reserve No. 4 nor would it be detrimental to defense needs of the United States;

NOW THEREFORE, Your Memorialist, the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska, respectfully urges that Public Land Order No. 82 be revoked insofar as it pertains to the Gubik gas field lying outside of Naval Petroleum Reserve No. 4; that the Gubik gas field be opened for private development and that the areas therein be made available for leasing on a competitive bid basis.

And your Memorialist will ever pray.

Passed by the Senate March 15, 1957.

Passed by the House March 21, 1957.
