

Woozley, Director of the Bureau of Land Management; and to the United States Congress:

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

WHEREAS, several years ago the Land Office of the U. S. Bureau of Land Management was closed and removed from Nome and the Second Judicial Division of the Territory of Alaska; and,

WHEREAS, as a result of said removal, residents of the Second Division must travel to Fairbanks or Anchorage to conduct Land Office business; and,

WHEREAS, mineral and oil exploration in recent years have spread toward and into the Second Division, creating intense interest and possibilities of new basis industry in the near future; and

WHEREAS, the demand for homesites in the Second Division, as everywhere in Alaska, is increasing; and townsite transactions and timber permits continue to need processing; and,

WHEREAS, a Land Office in Nome would facilitate necessary land transactions in connection with the increased activity, and would benefit the residents of the Second Division,

NOW, THEREFORE, Your Memorialist, the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska, respectfully urges that the U. S. Department of the Interior reopen a Land Office in Nome, Alaska.

And your Memorialist will ever pray.

Passed by the Senate February 14, 1957.

Passed by the House February 16, 1957.

SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 4

To the President of the United States; the Congress of the United States; the Secretary of Agriculture of the United States; the Interstate Commerce Committee of the United States Senate; the Governor of Alaska; and the Delegate to Congress from Alaska:

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

WHEREAS, the timber in the National Forest in Alaska is chiefly valuable for, and especially adapted to the manufacture of pulp, paper and pulp products and lumber; and

WHEREAS, the law creating the National Forests in Alaska, and amendments thereto, prohibit the export of logs and timber from the National Forests in the Territory, except where in the judgment of the Secretary of Agriculture, "the supply of timber for local use will not be endangered thereby"; and

WHEREAS, the prohibition against Export, contained in the law, has been recognized and faithfully enforced for more than two generations in order to protect the business of local saw mills and to encourage and promote the establishment of pulp and paper mills and plywood plants in Alaska, with

the great economic advantages in the matter of increase of population, employment of labor and contribution to the Territory's revenue; and

WHEREAS, one large pulp mill has been built at Ketchikan within the past three years requiring an investment of more than \$60,000,000.00, and is now in full operation, and another of equal size will be established at Sitka with construction to be commenced this year; with others to follow if timber from the National Forests is kept available under the present law and the Regulations of the Department; and

WHEREAS, a change in the law and regulations so as to permit export of logs, would be little short of disastrous to the economy of Alaska;

NOW THEREFORE, your Memo-

rialist, the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska, respectfully urges that there be no change made by Congress in the law prohibiting the export of logs from the National Forests in Alaska, and no relaxation in any permissible regulations of the Department of Agriculture, under the law, and that the policy of the law and past regulations be followed in the future to the end that the natural timber grown in Alaska, be manufactured within the Territory, so that the Territory may derive the full benefit therefrom.

And your Memorialist will ever pray.

Passed by the Senate February 18, 1957.

Passed by the House February 19, 1957.

SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 5

To the Honorable Dwight D. Eisenhower, President of the United States; the Honorable Frederick A. Seaton, Secretary of the Interior; 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; to 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, Alaska badly needs basic industry for a sound economy,

and Alaska's future prosperity will be dependent primarily on mining, lumbering, and fishing; and

WHEREAS, lands to the extent of approximately one-third of Alaska's total acreage have been withdrawn from mineral and other types of entry, and these withdrawals are one of the factors retarding the industrial development of Alaska; and

WHEREAS, there is currently proposed by the United States Forest Service a Tracy Arm-Fords Terror Wilderness Area in Alaska, which area is promising for future mineral developments; and

WHEREAS, there are now a number of similar bills pending in Congress which have as their pur-