

pose the establishment of a National Wilderness Preservation System, the creation of which as proposed in the bills would ultimately result in great additional areas of Alaska being withdrawn from industrial development, even though not necessarily closed to mineral prospecting; and

WHEREAS, among these similar bills one H. R. 361 by Mr. O'Hara of Illinois, H. R. 500 by Mr. Saylor of Pennsylvania, and several others;

NOW THEREFORE, Your Memorialist, the Legislature of the Terri-

tory of Alaska respectfully requests that no more wilderness areas or other withdrawals be made of known mineralized sections of Alaska which would place these lands within the scope of such proposed National Wilderness Preservation System.

And your Memorialist will ever pray.

Passed by the Senate March 7, 1957.

Passed by the House March 21, 1957.

SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 6

To the Honorable E. L. Bartlett, Delegate to Congress from Alaska; Alaska Senators-Elect, Honorable Ernest Gruening and Honorable William Egan; Alaska Representative-Elect, Honorable Ralph J. Rivers; the Chairmen and Members of the Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs of the House of Representatives and the Senate of the United States.

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

WHEREAS, Alaska has approximately 25,000 miles of coast line, and the tidelands along the coast, now and heretofore held by the United States, in trust for the future state, have been occupied for generations, by structures erected, maintained and used by private owners and municipalities; and

WHEREAS, this occupation and use of the tidelands with docks, cold storage plants, saw mills, busi-

ness structures, other industrial properties, residences, etc. erected more particularly in the First and Third Judicial Divisions at a cost of several hundred million dollars, have been absolutely essential to the establishment of towns, to access to the uplands, and to the settlement, development and commerce of the whole Territory of Alaska; and

WHEREAS, there has heretofore been no law under which an occupant of tidelands in Alaska could obtain title or file any claim or entry, or take any other step toward procuring title, although they have made their investments and their very necessary contributions to the development of Alaska on the assumption that they would be protected in their use and occupancy; and

WHEREAS, there are six Bills for granting Statehood to Alaska, pending in the House of Representatives, namely H. R. 50, 340, 628, 849, 1242 and 1243, and one Bill in the U. S. Senate, namely S. 49,

none of which seem to clearly provide for granting title to the new State, of the tidelands;

NOW THEREFORE, Your Memorialist, the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska, respectfully urges that in each of the pending Bills, or such of them as may come up for consideration by Congress, there be inserted a new section or paragraph, appropriately numbered, reading as follows: "The State of Alaska is granted, without restriction as to use or disposal, the beds and shores of all navigable waters in the state up to and including the line of ordinary high tide, in waters where the tide ebbs and

flows, and up to and including the line of ordinary high tide within the banks of all navigable rivers and lakes.

Provided, however, this grant shall be subject to existing possessory rights and shall not be construed so as to debar any person from asserting his claim to such rights in the courts of the state."

And your Memorialist will ever pray.

Passed by the Senate March 14, 1957.

Passed by the House March 21, 1957.

SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 7

To the Honorable President of the United States; Secretary of State; Secretary of Commerce; Speaker of the House of Representatives; and the President of the Senate:

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

WHEREAS, under present United States' policy, foreign imports of fillets, fish and fish products have increased many-fold in the last five years; and

WHEREAS, the foreign producers of fish products have a competitive market advantage over similar Alaska-produced fish products due to the exceedingly low cost of labor prevailing in the foreign countries exporting said products; and

WHEREAS, the resulting competition on the American market for these and Alaska-produced fish products is unfair and injurious to the marketing of the Alaska fish

and fish products; and

WHEREAS, these same foreign producers of fish products are obtaining a substantial portion of their catch as a result of pelagic fishing; and

WHEREAS, the concentrated and extensive fishing by these foreign producers are tending to destroy salmon and other fish of Alaska stock and origin; and

WHEREAS, it is in the interests of the United States and Alaska that the development and preservation of the Alaska fishing industry be maintained;

NOW THEREFORE, Your Memorialist respectfully prays that immediate and appropriate steps be taken to restrict the importation of foreign caught and processed fish and that more stringent international regulations of pelagic fishing be promulgated.

And your Memorialist will ever pray.