

Senate Memorials

SENATE MEMORIAL NO. 1

To the Honorable, Arthur Sommerfield, Postmaster General, Washington, D. C.; to the Honorable Fred A. Seaton, Secretary of the Interior; to the Honorable Henry M. Jackson, United States Senator; to the Honorable Warren G. Magnuson, United States Senator; to the Honorable Wayne Morse, United States Senator; to the Honorable Richard Neuberger, United States Senator; to the Honorable E. L. Bartlett, Delegate to Congress; and Mr. Hollis Henricks, U. S. Post Office, Cordova, Alaska:

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

WHEREAS, the Senate of the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska in Twenty-Second Session assembled, represented as follows:

"WHEREAS, steamer service to Alaska has been greatly curtailed, and parcel post, first and fourth class mail destined for Cordova has been unloaded from the ships at Seward, Alaska, and transshipped directly by air from Seward to Cordova; and

"WHEREAS, recently parcel post and fourth class mail was eliminated from air shipment and is now brought to Anchorage via train, then by truck to the Anchorage Post Office for sorting, thence to the International Airport by truck, and thence to Cordova by air; and

"WHEREAS, this new method of

handling is greatly delaying the delivery of fourth class mail and parcel post to Cordova, a city of the first class in Alaska, and there is no apparent saving commensurate with the reduction in the quality of service;" and

WHEREAS, it was then prayed to the U. S. Post Office Department to review its procedure and reinstate the air transportation of all mail and parcel post from Seward to Cordova; and

WHEREAS, no acknowledgment has ever been made nor has any action been undertaken by those responsible for the delivery of parcel post and fourth class mail to the city of Cordova, notwithstanding that the needs of more efficient service continue to prevail and are not presently adequately met; and

WHEREAS, it is once more deemed urgent and necessary that such method of handling fourth class mail and parcel post be again reviewed so that the best interests of the public in and about the city of Cordova will be served;

NOW THEREFORE, Your Memorialist again prays that the Post Office Department review its present procedure, and reinstate the air transportation of all mail and parcel post from Seward to Cordova.

And your Memorialist will ever pray.

Passed by the Senate February 2, 1957.