

WHEREAS, as a necessary part of the national defense program of the Continental United States the Federal Government has undertaken many substantial construction projects in Alaska especially in the far North and West; and

WHEREAS, there exists in the extreme northwestern portion of Alaska where much of this construction is taking place, conditions of severe poverty and depression among native peoples created by the decline in hunting and fishing resources in this area; and

WHEREAS, many of the Alaskans in the construction area are competent and skillful workmen in a variety of trades; and

WHEREAS, many of these people have been denied employment upon local construction projects due to discrimination on the part of labor unions in Alaska which have almost complete control of hiring and who bring in workers from the states and from other areas of Alaska for jobs in preference to Alaskans living in the construction area; and

WHEREAS, there is even dis-

crimination in the pay received by those few local people who have been employed, since the contractor is required to room and board imported construction workers and local construction workers must pay room and board in the construction camps; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Defense has already issued directives to the effect that local Alaskans be given priority of employment upon construction projects;

NOW THEREFORE, your Memorialist, the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska in Twenty-Third Session assembled, respectfully urges that steps be taken to correct this discrimination to the end that employment opportunities on federal construction projects are offered to these Alaskans in the Northwest so that the economy of the area may be improved and that the chronic depression of Northwestern Alaska may be ended.

**And your Memorialist will ever pray.**

Passed by the Senate March 15, 1957.

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## SENATE MEMORIAL NO. 8

**To the Honorable Fred A. Seaton, Secretary of the Interior; and the Honorable E. L. Bartlett, Delegate to Congress from Alaska.**

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

WHEREAS, the Saltonstall-Kennedy Act (P.L. 466, 83rd Congress) and the Fish and Wildlife Service Act of 1956, which extended the

provisions of the Saltonstall-Kennedy Act on a permanent basis, along with eliminating the three million dollar annual expenditure ceiling, were designed to promote the free flow of domestically produced fishery products in commerce; and

WHEREAS, this can be accomplished by developing increased markets for fishery products of domestic origin and by conducting biological, technological and other

research pertaining to American fisheries; and

WHEREAS, it is believed the original intent of the Saltonstall-Kennedy Act was to provide a means for the Secretary of the Interior to investigate fishery problems as stipulated in the Act by the most efficient method; and

WHEREAS, this could best be accomplished by contracting out projects to the states, territories, universities, and other agencies, who already have qualified competent personnel to handle many of the problems, but have been limited in their activities by the lack of finances; and

WHEREAS, in the precedents established by the Pittman-Robertson and Dingell-Johnson programs the Secretary of the Interior has

been directed to contract with the cooperating agencies; and

WHEREAS, the results achieved in these programs have been eminently successful; and

WHEREAS, it appears that the Saltonstall-Kennedy Act is tending to merely extend the scope of the Federal Government in these fields;

NOW THEREFORE, Your Memorialist, respectfully urges the Secretary of the Interior to cooperate with the states, territories, universities and other agencies by contracting with them for Saltonstall-Kennedy projects.

**And your Memorialist will ever pray.**

Passed by the Senate March 18, 1957.

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## SENATE MEMORIAL NO. 9

**To the Honorable Dwight D. Eisenhower, President of the United States of America: The Congress of the United States of America: The Honorable E. L. Bartlett, Delegate to Congress from Alaska.**

Your Memorialist, the Senate of the Territory of Alaska, in Twenty-third Regular Session assembled, respectfully represents;

WHEREAS, the extraction of Alaska's vast natural resources and the establishment of industry and commerce in the Territory of Alaska, are in their infancy; and

WHEREAS, the initial cost of development is always substantial, and such cost in Alaska is exceptionally high because of the long distances that most capital equipment must be shipped, the heavy

federal taxes, and because employers in Alaska are required to pay the highest rate of unemployment compensation contributions of any territory or state in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Territorial Legislature in past sessions has made every attempt to attract new industry and enterprise to Alaska by enacting tax exemptions as an incentive to development; and

WHEREAS, if the Federal Government would incorporate the principle of reinsurance in financing in part the employment security program, the standing rate of employers' contributions to the Alaska Unemployment Compensation Fund could be considerably reduced and Alaska's development