

HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 16

To the Honorable Dwight D. Eisenhower, President of the United States; the Honorable Fred A. Seaton, Secretary of the Interior; the Honorable Glenn L. Emmons, Commissioner of Indian Affairs; the Federal Aviation Agency; the Honorable E. L. Bartlett and the Honorable Ernest Gruening, Senators from Alaska; the Honorable Ralph J. Rivers, Representative from Alaska:

Your Memorialist, the Legislature of the State of Alaska in First Legislature, First Session assembled, respectfully submits that:

WHEREAS, the village of Savoonga on St. Lawrence Island is a federal native reserve with a population of over 300 persons; and

WHEREAS, said village also includes a Bureau of Indian Affairs school and a mission church; and

WHEREAS, Savoonga is almost totally isolated, being fifty miles from the

nearest airstrip at the village of Gambell; and

WHEREAS, transportation to Gambell is limited to skinboats and dogteams, causing great hardship to the residents of Savoonga as poor weather can and does make it impossible to bring in food and other supplies for extended periods of time; and

WHEREAS, the existence of Savoonga as a federal reserve area would seem to point up the responsibility of the federal government in providing better transportation to the village;

NOW THEREFORE, Your Memorialist urges that the responsible federal agencies take all expedient action leading to the construction of a multi-engine landing facility at the village of Savoonga, Alaska.

Passed by the House March 7, 1959.
Passed by the Senate March 14, 1959.

HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 17

To the Honorable Hugh J. Wade, Acting Governor of Alaska:

Your Memorialist, the Legislature of the State of Alaska in the First Legislature, First Session assembled, respectfully submits that:

WHEREAS, the Matson Line is giving serious consideration to the possibility of bringing the luxury liner "Lurline" to Alaska in the summer of 1959; and

WHEREAS, the cruise of this large vessel from San Francisco to Alaska would inaugurate a new era in making known the scenic beauty and natural wonders of the new state; and

WHEREAS, the people of Alaska are eager to attract and welcome visitors to see and enjoy this great state;

NOW THEREFORE, Your Memorialist requests that the office of the Governor extend a cordial invitation in the name of the people of Alaska to the officers of the Matson Line indicating the hope that the "Lurline" will visit Alaskan ports in this first summer of statehood and find the lure of Alaska sufficiently compelling to make the voyage an annual event.

Passed by the House March 13, 1959.
Passed by the Senate March 18, 1959.

HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 18

To the Honorable Members of the Atomic Energy Commission:

Your Memorialist, the Legislature of the State of Alaska in First Legislature, First Session assembled respectfully submits that:

WHEREAS, the Seward Peninsula area of Alaska has no natural sources of fuel for the development of power, being devoid of coal, wood and natural gas; and

WHEREAS, the location of the proposed atomic reactor at or near the City

of Nome on the Seward Peninsula could result in the distribution of inexpensive power to the city, the all important nearby federal defense establishments, and the Federal Aviation Agency installation; and

WHEREAS, such power distribution would also be invaluable to mining activities near the City of Nome as this presently marginal industry is dependent

on expensive diesel fuel for its power source;

NOW THEREFORE, Your Memorialist urges that careful consideration be given to the City of Nome as a possible site for the atomic reactor planned for Alaska.

Passed by the House March 9, 1959.

Passed by the Senate March 19, 1959.

HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 19

To the Honorable Robert B. Anderson, Secretary of the Treasury; Commander, Seventeenth District, U. S. Coast Guard; the Honorable E. L. Bartlett and the Honorable Ernest Gruening, Senators from Alaska; and the Honorable Ralph J. Rivers, Representative from Alaska:

Your Memorialist, the Legislature of the State of Alaska in First Session assembled, respectfully submits that:

WHEREAS, freight rates are fifty dollars per ton from St. Michael to the lower Yukon River delta; and

WHEREAS, freight costs to Alaskans on the lower Yukon would be greatly decreased if the middle mouth of the Yukon were adequately marked for deep sea navigation; and

WHEREAS, the access channel to the lower Yukon presently marked for navigation is impossible at low tide; and

WHEREAS, for many years monopoly interests have forced the people of the

lower Yukon to pay extravagant prices for the necessities of life; and

WHEREAS, marking a different and known channel for navigation would be reasonable in cost and result in substantial benefits to Alaskans living on the lower Yukon;

NOW THEREFORE, Your Memorialist, the Legislature of the State of Alaska in First Session assembled, respectfully urges that the U. S. Coast Guard mark the middle mouth of the Yukon River for navigation in time for the 1959 navigation season; the middle mouth of the Yukon River is that mouth known as Kwikpak and is situate approximately half way between Sheldon's Point and Kotlik on the coast line. "Mark" in this case will mean "marking by the placing of numbered buoys in the river channel" and the installation of a blinker light on an island situate at the mouth of the said Kwikpak River.

Passed by the House March 7, 1959.

Passed by the Senate March 13, 1959.

HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 21

To the Honorable Neil H. McElroy, Secretary of Defense; the Honorable Wilber M. Brucker, Secretary of the Army; the Honorable James H. Douglas, Secretary of the Air Force; the Honorable Thomas S. Gates, Jr., Secretary of the Navy; the Honorable Carl Vinson, Chairman of the Armed Services Committee, House of Representatives; the Honorable E. L. Bartlett and the Honorable Ernest Gruening, Senators from Alaska; and the Honorable Ralph J. Rivers, Representative

from Alaska:

Your Memorialist, the Legislature of the State of Alaska, First Legislature, First Session assembled, respectfully represents:

WHEREAS, near the cities of Anchorage, Fairbanks and Kodiak are large military installations which include extensive military post exchange and commissary facilities; and

WHEREAS, these military stores, in