

House Joint Memorials

HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 1

To the President of the United States; the President of the Senate; the Speaker of the House of Representatives; and the Congressional Delegation of the State of Alaska:

Your Memorialist, the Legislature of the State of Alaska in first session assembled, respectfully represents:

WHEREAS, Alaska has at long last joined the American Union, becoming the 49th state on January 3, 1959, after many years as a Territory without the full benefits of United States citizenship; and

WHEREAS, Hawaii has for many years also been a Territory similarly deprived of the equal rights and privileges granted United States citizens fortunate enough to reside in a State, with the result that the people of Alaska and Hawaii have always felt akin and in sympathy towards the attainment of this objective and have always cooperated in attempting to obtain the benefits of statehood; and

WHEREAS, during the recent successful struggle for Alaska Statehood the

people of Hawaii and their representatives lent both encouragement and aid, thereby showing not only their unselfish interest in the aspirations of the people of Alaska but also demonstrating their commitment to the American ideals of democracy and self-government; and

WHEREAS, the people of Hawaii have shown the capability, initiative and responsibility to accept the burdens and privileges of Statehood; and

WHEREAS, the achievement of statehood by the people of Alaska makes any objection to statehood for Hawaii untenable;

NOW THEREFORE, Your Memorialist, the First Legislature of the State of Alaska in First Session assembled, respectfully urges that the Congress of the United States at its present session pass legislation as will admit Hawaii to the Union on an equal footing with the other states.

And your Memorialist will ever pray.

Passed by the House February 2, 1959.

Passed by the Senate February 5, 1959.

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 2

To the Honorable Dwight D. Eisenhower, President of the United States; the Honorable Phillip Fleming, Secretary of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare; the Committee on Labor and Public Welfare, United States Senate; the Committee on Education and Labor, House of Representatives; the Surgeon General of the United States Public Health Service; the Honorable E. L. Bartlett, Senator from Alaska; the Honorable Ernest Gruening, Senator from Alaska; the Honorable Ralph Rivers, Congressman from Alaska:

The First Legislature of the State of Alaska respectfully represents:

1. Since 1949 an appropriation known as the "Alaska Grant" has been made by Congress to the general health program in Alaska based on the extraordinary, urgent and unique needs of Alaska for various health services;

2. The said Alaska Grants have averaged approximately six hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$650,000.00) annually since 1949. Although the appropriation has so remained constant for the past decade the U. S. Government now proposes to reduce the appropriation until it is completely eliminated at the end of a four year period ending in 1963;

3. This grant has made possible, or contributed principally, to the following

Public Health programs

- a. Arctic Health Research Center
- b. Sanitation and engineering
- c. Nursing
- d. Laboratory research and analysis

4. Without the grant there will be a general reduction of public health protection both to Alaskan citizens and to Alaska's military population, while the new state bends its every effort and resource to establish its new state government;

5. The ends achieved by the grant are of national importance. Research projects of the Arctic Health Research Center benefit the nation as a whole; sanitation and engineering projects support-

ed by the Alaska Grant, benefit and protect the U. S. military establishment, as do all the other projects supported by the grant. The new state, particularly during its formative years, cannot meet all these costs which benefit all of the United States;

THEREFORE, it is urged that the executive and legislative branches of the United States Government preserve and maintain during future years the appropriation for public health services of national significance in Alaska at not less than its present level of approximately six hundred and fifty thousand dollars annually.

Passed by the House February 14, 1959.
Passed by the Senate February 28, 1959.

HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 3

To the Honorable Lewis L. Strauss, Secretary of Commerce; the Honorable E. L. Bartlett and the Honorable Ernest Gruening, Senators from Alaska; the Honorable Ralph J. Rivers, Representative from Alaska; the Honorable Ellis L. Armstrong, Commissioner of the Bureau of Public Roads; the Honorable Edgar H. Swick, Regional Engineer, Region Ten, Bureau of Public Roads:

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

WHEREAS, the agricultural and mineral development of that area between Hope and Kenai, Alaska, along Cook Inlet, has been seriously curtailed because of the lack of adequate overland

transportation in such area; and

WHEREAS, the completion of a road in this region would permit travel between Hope and Kenai at a considerable saving in miles and fuel over travel by the only existing route; and

WHEREAS, such road would further provide a means of evacuating the residents of the populace Anchorage area in the event of a crisis or calamity;

NOW, THEREFORE, your Memorialist, the Legislature of the State of Alaska in First Session assembled, respectfully urges the construction of said road.

And your Memorialist will ever pray.

Passed by the House February 26, 1959.
Passed by the Senate March 3, 1959.

HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 4

To the Honorable Fred A. Seaton, Secretary of the Interior; 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 Legislature,

First Session assembled, respectfully represents:

WHEREAS, by virtue of the provisions of the Act of February 26, 1944 (58 Stat. 100; U.S.C., secs. 631a-631q), as confirmed by Public Law 85-508, "an Act to provide for the admission of the State of Alaska into the Union", the Secretary of