

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

direct competition with the business men and women of these communities, sell practically every item to be found in the stores of these cities; and

WHEREAS, since these post exchanges in Alaska are in no way restricted as to the items they can sell and the prices they must charge, the situation is not only extremely harmful to the civilian economy of the nearby communities but is unique among the 49 states since in the other 48 the prices charged in such post exchanges must be based on realistic cost figures and certain common items of sale are prohibited in such military stores; and

WHEREAS, this situation of successful military competition is harmful not only to the people with whom these stores are in competition but also to the cities themselves since the facilities of these communities, of which great use is

made by the servicemen, are paid for entirely out of tax revenues which, in the case of such servicemen, are minimal because of their failure to utilize the the civilian stores available;

NOW THEREFORE, your Memorialist, the Legislature of the State of Alaska, respectfully urges that the Congress of the United States and the Department of Defense cooperate in extending to the new State of Alaska the restrictions against military post exchange and commissary competition as are found in the other states and that in so doing the military stores be directed to limit their sales to personal necessities rather than items which are readily available in the nearby Alaskan cities.

And your Memorialist will ever pray.

Passed by the House March 13, 1959.

Passed by the Senate March 28, 1959.

HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 23

To the Honorable Fred A. Seaton, Secretary of the Interior; the Honorable Arnie J. Suomela, Commissioner of Fish and Wildlife; the Honorable Edward Wozzley, Director, Bureau of Land Management; 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 United States Fish and Wildlife Service has made application through the Bureau of Land Management for withdrawal of certain lands in Alaska for the creation of an arctic wildlife range; and

WHEREAS, the land involved in the proposed withdrawal makes up almost the entire northeast corner of Alaska and consists of approximately 9,000,000 acres; and

WHEREAS, such a withdrawal would

increase to 17,000,000 acres the amount of Alaskan lands devoted to game refuges; and

WHEREAS, this gigantic withdrawal from the public domain would discourage industrial and mineral development of the area; and

WHEREAS, the maintenance of a pristine, untouched arctic area would actually attract few residents and tourists, due to inaccessibility, making the recreational possibilities of such a withdrawal doubtful; and

WHEREAS, eventual industrial and mineral development of the area, if left in the public domain, could in the future make the area both accessible and valuable;

NOW THEREFORE, Your Memorialist urges that all possible action be taken to discourage the establishment of this arctic wildlife refuge in northeast Alaska.

Passed by the House March 17, 1959.

Passed by the Senate March 30, 1959.