

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.