

the Interior is granted the authority to permit sealing on the Pribilof Islands and to supervise the sale of the sealskins so taken on these islands which are part of the State of Alaska; and

WHEREAS, as a part of this general supervision of the Pribilof seal industry, the Secretary has permitted only the most basic processing of these sealskins—a resource of Alaska with annual revenue approaching a million dollars—to be accomplished within the state, the finish processing taking place in St. Louis, Missouri, also the site of the annual sealskin sale; and

WHEREAS, if these Alaska sealskins were processed to the point of sale in Alaska itself, the following benefits would thereby arise:

(1) The economy of the State would be materially aided by the local employment created in such new sealskin processing industry;

(2) The revenue to the United

States and to Alaska derived from the sale of sealskins would be considerably raised by cutting down the present processing cost arising out of the necessity of shipping the unfinished sealskins such a distance prior to their final processing and sale;

(3) The quality of the sealskins sold would rise due to the location of the finishing site close to the harvesting grounds thereby increasing the control of the finishers over the methods of the harvesters;

NOW THEREFORE, Your Memorialist, the Legislature of the State of Alaska, on behalf of the people of Alaska, respectfully urges the Secretary of the Interior and the Congress of the United States to remove the site of the sealskin finishing industry to the State of Alaska and to thereafter direct that the sale of such Alaska product be held within the State of Alaska.

Passed by the House February 21, 1959.

Passed by the Senate February 20, 1959.

HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 5

To the Honorable Mark Hatfield, Governor of the State of Oregon; and to all members of the Legislature of the State of Oregon:

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

WHEREAS, the State of Oregon is in this year celebrating the one-hundredth anniversary of its admission to the Union of the States; and

WHEREAS, in this year Alaska has finally achieved such admission into the Union and is setting forth on its first year as a state; and

WHEREAS, the State of Alaska and the State of Oregon have much in common, being parts of the resource-rich and rapidly growing northwestern area; and

WHEREAS, the States of Oregon and

Alaska have been and will continue to be the best of neighbors as equal sister states of the Union; and

WHEREAS, the growth of the State of Oregon in the past one hundred years has been phenomenal, far surpassing any predictions that could have been made in 1859; and

WHEREAS, the new and growing State of Alaska has much to learn in the ways of government and general economic development from the hundred years of Oregon history;

NOW THEREFORE, Your Memorialist, the Legislature of the State of Alaska, on behalf of the people of Alaska, extends warmest congratulations and best wishes to the people of Oregon, on this, the occasion of the State's centennial celebration.

Passed by the House February 21, 1959.

Passed by the Senate February 26, 1959.