

House Memorials

HOUSE MEMORIAL NO. 1

To the Honorable Dwight D. Eisenhower, President of the United States; the Honorable Richard M. Nixon, President of the United States Senate; the Honorable Sam Rayburn, Speaker of the United States House of Representatives; the Honorable Russel C. Harrington, Commissioner of Internal Revenue of the United States; the Honorable E. L. Bartlett and the Honorable Ernest Gruening, Senators from Alaska; and the Honorable Ralph J. Rivers, United States Representative from Alaska:

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

WHEREAS, the cost of food and clothing and other commodities necessary to sustain life is much higher in Alaska than in the continental United States; and

WHEREAS, such costs are on the average between 25 and 57 percent higher than similar costs in the State of Washington, Alaska's nearest neighbor State; and

WHEREAS, the United States govern-

ment has already recognized this differential in living costs by granting a twenty-five percent cost of living allowance to certain Federal employees in Alaska; and

WHEREAS, the action of the Federal Government relative to their own employees is proper and correct; and

WHEREAS, this action on the part of the United States government has granted relief to only a portion of the population of Alaska; and

WHEREAS, the entire population of Alaska needs like assistance in the form of tax relief in order to increase the general standard of living in Alaska;

NOW THEREFORE, your Memorialist, the House of Representatives of the State of Alaska in First Session Assembled respectfully urges that the Congress of the United States amend the Federal income tax laws to permit all Alaskan taxpayers to deduct from their taxable income an amount equal to twenty-five percent of their adjusted gross income in arriving at their total net taxable income.

And your Memorialist will ever pray.

Passed by the House February 13, 1959.

HOUSE MEMORIAL NO. 2

To the Honorable Lyndon Johnson, Senate Majority Leader; the Honorable Sam Rayburn, Speaker of the House of Representatives; to the Chairman of the Senate Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs; to the Chairman of the House Committee of Interior and Insular Affairs; to 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 House of Representatives of the State of Alaska, in First Session assembled, respectfully

submits that:

WHEREAS, the Congress of the United States, by an Act approved May 13, 1946 (60 Stat. 170), as amended, has provided a program of Federal aid for public airport development in the States and Territories; and

WHEREAS, pursuant thereto, Federal matching monies have been made available to all the States and Alaska for the construction of public airports; and

WHEREAS, in the 85th Congress a bill which would have authorized additional appropriations to the States, including

Alaska, passed both Houses but was vetoed by the President; and

WHEREAS, it is now proposed by the present administration that Federal participation be decreased gradually each year until the Federal Aid Program for public airport development ceases entirely with resultant decreased Federal participation in the cost of constructing public airports in the States; and

WHEREAS, Alaska is dependent on air transportation to a greater degree than any other state or territory as alternative means of transportation serve only limited areas; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill No. 1 has been introduced in the United States Senate, which bill, to all intents and purposes continues the broad financial assistance

necessary to further the construction of needed aviation facilities; and

WHEREAS, the defense and development of the State of Alaska are intimately linked with its aviation facilities and an accelerated airport construction in Alaska is essential to the defense of the United States;

NOW THEREFORE, Your Memorialist, the House of Representatives of the State of Alaska, in First Session assembled, respectfully urges that the Congress and the President of the United States immediately enact into law Senate Bill No. 1.

And your Memorialist will ever pray.

Passed by the House February 17, 1959.

HOUSE MEMORIAL NO. 4

To the Honorable Ezra Taft Benson, Secretary of Agriculture; the Honorable David A. Hamil, Administrator of the Rural Electrification Administration; the Honorable E. L. Bartlett and the Honorable Ernest Gruening, Senators from Alaska; and the Honorable Ralph J. Rivers, United States Representative from Alaska:

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

WHEREAS, under the Rural Electrification Act of 1936 (49 Stat. 1363), as amended, the Congress of the United States has established the Rural Electrification Administration under the jurisdiction of the Secretary of Agriculture; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Rural Electrification Administration is to make loans in states and make or cause to be made studies, investigations and reports concerning the conditions and progress of electrification and the furnishing of adequate telephone service to the rural areas of states and to publish and disseminate information with respect thereto; and

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the Federal legislation establishing the Rural

Electrification Administration to make generally available to rural areas adequate electrical and telephone service through the medium of loans for financing construction and operation of generating plants, electrical transmission and distribution lines or systems and financing improvement, expansion, construction, acquisition and operation of facilities to render telephone service; and

WHEREAS, the interests of national defense and the economic welfare of the State of Alaska require that adequate electrical and telephone service be extended to rural areas;

NOW THEREFORE, your Memorialist, the House of Representatives of the State of Alaska in First Session Assembled, respectfully urges that the Administrator of the Rural Electrification Administration acting upon the jurisdiction and authority of the Secretary of Agriculture make or cause to be made studies, investigations and reports concerning the condition and progress of electrification and the furnishing of adequate telephone service in rural areas in the State of Alaska, with a view toward the intensification of the Rural Electrification Administration program in the State of Alaska.

And your Memorialist will ever pray.

Passed by the House February 26, 1959.