

HOUSE MEMORIAL NO. 5

To the Honorable Dwight D. Eisenhower, President of the United States; the Honorable Robert B. Anderson, Secretary of the Treasury; the Honorable E. L. Bartlett, 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 Legislature, First Session assembled, respectfully submits that:

WHEREAS, Alaska has, in the year 1959, been admitted to the Union as the forty-ninth state; and

WHEREAS, Alaska is the first new state to join the Union in almost fifty

years; and

WHEREAS, said admission is a matter of great historical significance to the entire nation; and

WHEREAS, it would seem fitting and proper that this event be permanently commemorated by the issuance of a coin designating 1959 as the year of Alaska's admission;

NOW THEREFORE, Your Memorialist urges that the Secretary of the Treasury take all necessary steps to issue a commemorative coin celebrating the admission of Alaska to the Union of the States.

Passed by the House February 27, 1959.

HOUSE MEMORIAL NO. 6

To the Honorable E. L. Bartlett and the Honorable Ernest Gruening, Senators from Alaska; the Honorable Ralph J. Rivers, Representative from Alaska; and the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers:

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

WHEREAS, the people of Bristol Bay derive their livelihood from salmon fishing; and

WHEREAS, the Bristol Bay area is

subject to violent storms and completely lacks facilities for safety harboring small craft; and

WHEREAS, the United States Army Corps of Engineers has made a favorable determination in their feasibility study of a proposed small boat harbor adjacent to the town of Dillingham;

NOW THEREFORE, your Memorialist urges the introduction and passage of any federal legislation necessary to the construction of said Dillingham Boat Harbor.

Passed by the House March 17, 1959.

HOUSE MEMORIAL NO. 7

To the Honorable Dwight D. Eisenhower, President of the United States; the Honorable Hugh J. Wade, Acting Governor of Alaska; the Honorable Fred A. Seaton, Secretary of the Interior; the Honorable John Foster Dulles, Secretary of State; 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 Legislature, First Session assembled re-

spectfully submits that:

WHEREAS, the Federal government negotiated a treaty with Japan in 1952 which covered fishing rights in Alaskan waters; and

WHEREAS, this treaty and subsequent conventions have left Alaskan and other American fishermen at a disadvantage due to the type of fishing gear which only the Japanese use and are authorized to use; and

WHEREAS, Federal and state authorities have established that indiscriminate

Japanese fishing under the treaty has nearly depleted the fishing runs in the Bristol Bay area of Alaska; and

WHEREAS, due to this depletion the U. S. Department of the Interior has announced the closure of the Bristol Bay fishery to commercial fishing during the 1959 season; and

WHEREAS, the livelihood of three thousand residents of that area will now be drastically affected by the closure since fishing is their main source of

income;

NOW THEREFORE, your Memorialist urges that the President of the United States and the Governor of Alaska proclaim the Bristol Bay area of Alaska a national disaster area and immediately institute relief or public works programs for these citizens who have suffered and will continue to suffer from the disastrous effects of a treaty negotiated by the national government.

Passed by the House March 20, 1959.

HOUSE MEMORIAL NO. 8

To the Honorable Neil H. McElroy, Secretary of Defense; the Honorable Wilber M. Brucker, Secretary of the Army; the Honorable E. L. Bartlett and the Honorable Ernest Gruening, Senators from Alaska; the Honorable Ralph J. Rivers, Representative from Alaska:

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

WHEREAS, the Port of Whittier, Alaska, includes buildings and facilities worth millions of dollars; and

WHEREAS, this port and its facilities are under the control of the United States Army at the present time; and

WHEREAS, it has been recently indicated that the U. S. Congress, through failure to make necessary appropriations, will force the abandonment of this port; and

WHEREAS, the buildings at the port site would be of great value to the new State of Alaska and could be used for prisons or other necessary state institutions;

NOW THEREFORE, Your Memorialist urges that all possible action be taken to see that the buildings now part of the Port of Whittier are turned over to the State of Alaska should the U. S. Army abandon its interest in that installation.

Passed by the House March 24, 1959.

HOUSE MEMORIAL NO. 9

To the Honorable Arthur S. Flemming, Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare; Dr. Leroy Burney, Surgeon General, United States Public Health Service; Dr. Joseph Gallagher, Medical Officer in Charge, Alaska Native Health Service:

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

WHEREAS, there is an appreciation of the value of the Sanitation Aide or Native Village Sanitation Program now operated in certain areas of the State; and

WHEREAS, there exists an urgent and continuing need for improvement of sanitation and environmental health conditions in villages not contiguous to large population centers with established sanitation services; and

WHEREAS, this need has been met in part by the establishment of the Sanitation Aide Program, particularly in the Northwest Coastal area of the State; and

WHEREAS, this program recognizes local leadership and ability to meet these problems when assisted and guided by trained personnel; and

WHEREAS, two general areas of the State are not now served by this pro-