

Senate Joint Memorials

SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 1

To the Honorable Dwight D. Eisenhower, President of the United States; the Honorable Fred A. Seaton, Secretary of the Interior; the Honorable John Foster Dulles, Secretary of State; the Honorable Lyndon Johnson, Senate Majority Leader; the Honorable Sam Rayburn, Speaker of the 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 in First Session assembled, respectfully represents:

WHEREAS, the United States Fish and Wildlife Service has recommended that the Bristol Bay Fishery within the State of Alaska be closed because of the depletion of the Bristol Bay salmon runs caused by the intensive Japanese fishing efforts in that area, in spite of the vigorous and continuing objections on the part of Alaskans; and

WHEREAS, many American fishermen, and more particularly the residents of the Bristol Bay area, will thereby be deprived of their traditional means of livelihood, without hope of relief since

at present no other employment is available within the area nor is there a substitute use for the salmon processing plants; and

WHEREAS, the United States Department of State, by permitting the Japanese to continue fishing in this area without restriction or hindrance, suggests that the American abandonment of the Bristol Bay Fishery in favor of the Japanese is in the best interests of the United States; and

WHEREAS, the United States has traditionally recompensed farmers and other producers who refrain from production in the national interest;

NOW THEREFORE, your Memorialist, the Legislature of the State of Alaska, respectfully urges that the Congress of the United States enact legislation as will adequately and annually recompense those persons presently engaged in the Bristol Bay Fishery who restrict their normal fish production in the national interest.

And your Memorialist will ever pray.

Passed by the Senate January 28, 1959.
Passed by the House February 2, 1959.

SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 2

To the Honorable Neil H. McElroy, Secretary of the United States Department of Defense; the Honorable Wilber M. Brucker, Secretary of the Army; Major General Edgar C. Erickson, Chief, National Guard Bureau; and the Honorable E. L. Bartlett, the Honorable Ernest Gruening, the Honorable Ralph J. Rivers, the Congressional Delegation from Alaska:

Your Memorialist, the First Legislature of the State of Alaska, in First Session assembled, respectfully represents:

WHEREAS, the National Guard Armory located at Barrow, Alaska, has re-

cently been destroyed by fire thereby depriving the people of the Point Barrow area of a focal point for their military and civil defense duties; and

WHEREAS, the authorities concerned are attempting to replace the old Armory with a smaller, temporary structure; and

WHEREAS, a comparatively large armory is needed for the Point Barrow community primarily because of the necessity of having available sufficient space for the use and need of the Alaska Scouts, that organization of incalculable value to the defense of the Far North, maintaining, as it does, the thin line of

volunteers standing watch on the Arctic frontier;

NOW THEREFORE, Your Memorialist, the First Legislature of the State of Alaska in First Session assembled, on behalf of the people of Alaska, respectfully requests and memorializes the United States Department of Defense to replace the destroyed National Guard

Armory at Barrow, Alaska, with a large structure of a size sufficient to carry out its functions as principal headquarters for the Alaska Scouts.

And your Memorialist will ever pray.

Passed by the Senate February 14, 1959.

Passed by the House February 21, 1959.

SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 3

To the Honorable Arthur E. Summerfield, Postmaster General of the United States; the Honorable Warren G. Magnuson, Senator from the State of Washington; the Honorable Richard L. Neuberger, Senator from the State of Oregon; the Honorable E. L. Bartlett and the Honorable Ernest Gruening, Senators from the State of Alaska; and the Honorable Samuel G. Schwartz, Regional Operations Director for the United States Post Office Department:

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

WHEREAS, it has come to the attention of the Legislature of the State of Alaska that the surface mail contract between the points of Seward and Nikolski will expire on June 30, 1959; and

WHEREAS, it is apparent from copies of correspondence and petitions exam-

ined by the appropriate committees of the Legislature that the inhabitants served along the Seward Nikolski mail route desire improved service; and

WHEREAS, the correspondence on hand would indicate that the present contract may be extended without benefit of competitive bidding; and

WHEREAS, competitive bidding for such mail service contracts has proven to be in the best public interest;

NOW THEREFORE, your Memorialist, the Legislature of the State of Alaska in First Session Assembled respectfully urges that the contract for the transportation of surface mail between the points of Seward and Nikolski be opened to competitive bidding at an early date.

And your Memorialist will ever pray.

Passed by the Senate February 14, 1959.

Passed by the House February 19, 1959.

SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 4

To the Honorable Dwight D. Eisenhower, President of the United States and to each and every member of the Congress of the United States:

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

Throughout the history of Alaska as a Territory, since 1867, the fisheries have constituted Alaska's most valuable resource. During this period more than eleven and one half billion (11,500,000,000) pounds of salmon constituting protein food of superlative quality have

been shipped from Alaska to the rest of the nation and to the world;

But, unfortunately, most of the income from these salmon fisheries, amounting to over two billion (\$2,000,000,000) dollars on the wholesale markets, has passed to interstate outside Alaska, and the salmon harvests of Alaska have fallen from their sustained optimum levels of 6,000,000 cases average and 8,000,000 cases maximum, from 1926 to 1944, to less than 2,500,000 cases in more recent years;

During this same period, inadequate,