

lett 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 Legislature, First Session assembled respectfully submits that:

WHEREAS, Public Law 85-739 as passed in August, 1958, allows certain small vessels to transport merchandise to and from places within the inland waters of southeastern Alaska and Prince Rupert, British Columbia; and

WHEREAS, the vessels authorized by this law are operated by cooperatives and transport the merchandise of members on a non-profit basis; and

WHEREAS, the large, scheduled vessels serving southeastern Alaska cannot economically and expeditiously provide service between small fishing villages and the larger commercial and processing centers of southeastern Alaska; and

WHEREAS, considering the numerous

and diverse waterways of southeastern Alaska and the dependence of the area on the fishing industry it can be seen that the operation of such small vessels is essential to the total economy of that part of the state; and

WHEREAS, the present federal law authorizes the use of such small vessels only until March 15, 1960; and

WHEREAS, this time limitation leaves the operators of such vessels in doubt as to the status of their activities, and has a depressive effect on that part of the Alaskan economy that is dependent on inexpensive and effective transportation between the inland ports;

NOW THEREFORE, Your Memorialist urges that all necessary action be taken to encourage, pass and approve federal legislation to extend the limits of Public Law 85-739 for four years beyond March 15, 1960.

Passed by the Senate March 23, 1959.
Passed by the House April 4, 1959.

SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 23

To the Honorable Dwight D. Eisenhower, President of the United States; the Honorable Richard Nixon, President of the United States Senate; the Honorable Sam Rayburn, Speaker of the House of Representatives; the Honorable E. L. Bartlett and the Honorable Ernest Gruening, Senators from Alaska; the Honorable Ralph J. Rivers, Representative from Alaska; the Honorable Fred A. Seaton, Secretary of the Interior; the Honorable Glenn L. Emons, Commissioner of Indian Affairs; the Honorable James E. Hawkins, Alaska Area Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs:

WHEREAS, there is at present serious lack of both elementary and secondary schools throughout the remote areas of Alaska; and

WHEREAS, the present school facilities in such areas are over-crowded, and often dangerous due to age and condition; and

WHEREAS, such conditions result in

some 300 school age children, particularly at the secondary level, being unable to attend school; and

WHEREAS, education is a prime necessity if our native people are to progress to the point of economic and social self-sufficiency; and

WHEREAS, the Juneau Area Office of the Bureau of Indian Affairs has plans for the construction of the needed school facilities for all such remote areas; and

WHEREAS, these construction plans of the Bureau of Indian Affairs clearly reflect the real and present school needs of the native communities of Alaska; and

WHEREAS, due to appropriation limitations these plans are scheduled out over a number of years, causing the building program to fall far behind current needs;

NOW THEREFORE, Your Memorialist respectfully urges that proper legislation be passed by the 86th Congress

allowing for appropriations to carry out immediately the school construction plans as outlined in the program request for elementary and High School Construction of the Juneau Area Office of

the Bureau of Indian Affairs for the year 1959.

Passed by the Senate March 30, 1959.

Passed by the House April 8, 1959.

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 24

To the Honorable Dwight D. Eisenhower, President of the United States; the Honorable John Foster Dulles, Secretary of State; the Honorable Neil S. McElroy, Secretary of Defense; the Honorable E. L. Bartlett and the Honorable Ernest Gruening, U. S. Senators from Alaska; and the Honorable Ralph J. Rivers, U. S. Representative from Alaska:

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

WHEREAS, it has been officially ascertained that a large flotilla of Russian vessels is now concentrated off the Bering Sea coast of Alaska; and

WHEREAS, the activities and intent of this flotilla are as yet not fully determined; and

WHEREAS, it is reasonable to assume that the defense and economic well being of Alaska and the nation may be affected by this unprecedented concentration; and

WHEREAS, eternal vigilance continues to be the price of liberty;

NOW THEREFORE, Your Memorialist urges the President of the United States to take all appropriate steps to meet this situation which is national in scope and importance notwithstanding the immediate and direct bearing it has on Alaska.

Passed by the Senate April 8, 1959.

Passed by the House April 11, 1959.

SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 25

To the Honorable Dwight D. Eisenhower, President of the United States; the Honorable Richard Nixon, President of the United States Senate; the Honorable Sam Rayburn, Speaker of the House of Representatives; the Honorable E. L. Bartlett and the Honorable Ernest Gruening, Senators from Alaska; the Honorable Ralph J. Rivers, Representative from Alaska; the Honorable Fred A. Seaton, Secretary of the Interior:

WHEREAS, the agricultural areas of the Kenai Peninsula and the Matanuska and Susitna Valleys have been actively homesteaded for several years; and

WHEREAS, in recent years oil and gas leasing activities have created a tremendous work load on the operations offices of the Bureau of Land Management; and

WHEREAS, considerable delay in the issuance of homestead patents has re-

sulted from this oil and gas activity; and

WHEREAS, many homesteaders on the Kenai Peninsula have in good faith prosecuted their entry toward final acceptable proof for patent; and

WHEREAS, many of these homesteaders are being asked to waive their mineral rights in issuance of patents on lands not classified as prospectively valuable for oil or gas on the date of entry or final proof;

NOW THEREFORE, Your Memorialist respectfully urges that proper legislation be passed by the 86th Congress protecting the rights of homesteaders in the State of Alaska to the minerals on and in those homesteads on which entries were valid and subsisting on the date such lands were declared prospectively valuable for oil and gas by the Federal Government.

Passed by the Senate March 31, 1959.

Passed by the House April 6, 1959.