

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:

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;

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

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.

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

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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:

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

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

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.

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

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