

SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 6

To the Honorable Dwight D. Eisenhower, President of the United States; the Honorable James P. Mitchell, Secretary of Labor; U. S. Senators from Alaska E. L. Bartlett and Ernest Gruening; and U. S. Representative Ralph J. Rivers:

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

The Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor, regularly publishes a cost-of-living index for 48 states and the Territory of Hawaii, but not including the State of Alaska;

The cost-of-living index as published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics is an official guide for the determination of wages to be paid employees working under

union contracts and for Wage Board determinations for hourly Federal employees.

Provisions for the inclusion of the State of Alaska in the cost-of-living survey was not made by the President of the United States in the executive budget submitted to Congress through the Bureau of the Budget;

THEREFORE, the Legislature of the State of Alaska, in First Session assembled, requests that the President of the United States and the Secretary of Labor recommend to the Congress that the cost-of-living index survey be extended to the State of Alaska and that the necessary monies be provided therefor during the present session of the 86th Congress.

Passed by the Senate February 19, 1959.

Passed by the House February 23, 1959.

SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 7

To the Honorable Fred A. Seaton, Secretary of the Department of the Interior; the Honorable E. L. Bartlett and the Honorable Ernest Gruening, United States Senators from the State of Alaska; and the Honorable Ralph J. Rivers, United States Representative from the State of Alaska:

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

WHEREAS, the people of Barrow have been promised by the Federal government and more particularly by representatives of the Department of the Interior that all possible steps would be taken to make natural gas for heating available to the people of Barrow; and

WHEREAS, at present all available natural gas in the area is controlled by the Federal government; and

WHEREAS, the old Naval petroleum exploration camp three miles from the village has used natural gas for heating for over a decade and other Federal agencies in the area have pooled their resources to tap the Naval line for their

own purposes; and

WHEREAS, the pipeline servicing the Naval camp in that area carries sufficient natural gas for the use of the villagers; and

WHEREAS, the Federal representatives of the Department of the Interior have also stated that they would attempt to procure certain surplus Naval equipment and supplies now in Barrow for use in tapping the pipeline for village use; and

WHEREAS, present fuel costs to the villagers of Barrow are prohibitive, with coal going as high as forty-two dollars a ton resulting in the inadequate heating of many homes in the face of a plentiful, nearby and unused natural gas supply; and

WHEREAS, to this date no known action on this matter has been taken either by the Department of the Interior or by and through the Bureau of Indian Affairs or any other Federal agency;

NOW THEREFORE, Your Memorialist does respectfully record its desire that needed expedient action be taken by