

the State of Alaska's mining resources and to facilitate mining activities and the patenting of mining entries on federal lands located within the State of Alaska; and

WHEREAS, on June 7, 1910 (36 Stat. 459), the Congress of the United States enacted a statute relating to the filing of adverse claims and the instituting of adverse suits against mineral entries on federal lands in the then Territory of Alaska; and

WHEREAS, this statute was made applicable only to the then Territory, now the State of Alaska, and by the provisions thereof increased by eight months the period of time within which adverse claimants are permitted to file objections to the issuance of a patent on mineral entries made upon federal lands in the State of Alaska and also extended the period of time in which adverse suits against such mineral entries could be instituted; and

WHEREAS, said statute of 1910 has caused great delay in the issuance of patents to mining entries and has had a detrimental effect upon the mining industry in the State of Alaska; and

WHEREAS, the present conditions of communication and travel in the State of Alaska do not justify exceptional treatment to be made as to mineral entries made on federal lands in the State of Alaska; and

WHEREAS, the repeal of said statute will act as an incentive to the mining industry of Alaska by accelerating patent proceedings as to federal lands; and

WHEREAS, there is presently pending in the Senate of the United States Senate Bill No. 2909 which would repeal the provisions of the aforementioned statute approved June 7, 1910 (36 Stat 495);

NOW THEREFORE, Your Memorialist urges that the Congress and the Executive Branch proceed with deliberate speed to pass Senate Bill No. 2909 entitled "A Bill to repeal an Act entitled 'An Act extending the time in which to file adverse claims and institute adverse suits against mineral entries in the district of Alaska', approved June 7, 1910 (36 Stat. 459)."

Passed by the House February 16, 1960.

Passed by the Senate February 24, 1960.

### HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 43

**To the Honorable Sumner G. Whittier, Administrator of Veterans Affairs; the Honorable Lister Hill, Chairman, Senate Committee on Labor and Public Welfare; the Honorable Olin E. Teague, Chairman, House Committee on Veterans Affairs; 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 Legislature, Second Session assembled, respectfully submits that:

WHEREAS, the funds available for veterans' loans in Alaska under the Federal Loan program for direct home loans and for guaranteeing home loans are insufficient; and

WHEREAS, veterans coming to Alaska are unable to secure a loan for a home

without the aid of the veterans' loan program; and

WHEREAS, hundreds of veterans have applied for veterans' loans for the purchase of homes in Alaska; and

WHEREAS, funds for the purpose of said loans have been depleted to the extent that eligible veterans have to be placed on waiting lists in excessive numbers; and

WHEREAS, it may take as long as twelve months to acquire a direct veterans' loan; and

WHEREAS, legislation has been introduced in the Congress to alleviate this difficulty and to provide for decent housing and accommodation of veterans in Alaska;

NOW THEREFORE, Your Memorialist urges the enactment of the proposed legislation by the Congress to extend the

eligibility of World War II veterans under the veterans' loan program and to increase the amount of funds to be allocated

to Alaska for that program.

Passed by the House February 16, 1960.  
Passed by the Senate February 23, 1960.

#### HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 44

**To the Honorable Sumner G. Whittier, Administrator of Veterans Affairs; the Honorable Lister Hill, Chairman, Senate Committee on Labor and Public Welfare; the Honorable Olin E. Teague, Chairman, House Committee on Veterans Affairs; the Honorable E. L. Bartlett and the Honorable Ernest Gruening, Senators from Alaska; and the Honorable Ralph J. Rivers, Representative from Alaska:**

pitalization is available for many veterans, it is not available to those who require emergency care and cannot be transported to the location of the hospital—sometimes hundreds of miles distant and accessible only by air; and

WHEREAS, the cost of maintaining the program provided for in the proposed bills would be infinitesimal, there being only a few veterans who would not be treated in government installations; and

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

WHEREAS, because there are so few veterans which the proposed bills will affect, and yet their needs are great, it is impossible to understand the opposition of the Veterans Administration;

WHEREAS, bills have been introduced in both houses of Congress (S. 2201 and H.R. 7910) to restore to veterans in Alaska and Hawaii necessary treatment for non-service-connected disabilities; and

NOW THEREFORE, Your Memorialist urges the passage of S. 2201 and H. R. 7910 in order that the nation will fulfill its obligation to veterans on the basis of their need and not on the basis of their accessibility to a veterans hospital.

WHEREAS, the intent of these bills is to make such treatment available to veterans in Alaska and Hawaii as it is in the other states; and

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Passed by the Senate February 25, 1960.

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#### HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 46

**To the Honorable Dwight D. Eisenhower, President of the United States; the Honorable Norman P. Mason, Administrator, Housing and Home Finance Agency; the Honorable E. L. Bartlett and the Honorable Ernest Gruening, Senators from Alaska; and the Honorable Ralph J. Rivers, Representative from Alaska:**

WHEREAS, this special program was not predicated upon Alaska's former status as a territory, but rather upon Alaska's extreme shortage of housing, the extremely high cost of housing in Alaska, and the equally extreme lack of capital for home financing in Alaska; and

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

WHEREAS, these special conditions which necessitated the special program in Alaska have in no way been alleviated by the advent of statehood and have instead, especially in regard to the high cost of home construction, grown progressively worse, making the special program all the more necessary; and

WHEREAS, the Federal National Mortgage Association (FNMA) Special Program No. 4—Mortgages on Properties in Alaska—is about to expire for want of funds; and

WHEREAS, the expiration of Special Program No. 4 of FNMA will immediately result in higher, in many cases pro-