

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

WHEREAS, while it is true that hos-

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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-