

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:**

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

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

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-

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

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;

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.

Passed by the House February 16, 1960.  
Passed by the Senate February 25, 1960.

#### 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:**

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

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, 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

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

hibitory, costs for home purchasers and subsequently cause an even greater housing shortage than exists at present, which shortage is indeed great, some families living in basements, tar-paper shacks, and other unsafe and unsanitary dwellings; and

WHEREAS, the cost of the program to the federal government is almost nil, the sums appropriated being used exclusively for the purchase of mortgages which

must be, and are, duly paid with full interest;

NOW THEREFORE, Your Memorialist urgently requests the Congress to extend the life of the Federal National Mortgage Association Special Program No. 4 by appropriating additional funds for the continuation of this absolutely vital program of refinancing home loans.

Passed by the House February 20, 1960.

Passed by the Senate February 24, 1960.

### HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 50

**To the Honorable Fred A Seaton, Secretary of the Interior:**

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

WHEREAS, Alaska, by constitutional ordinance Number 3 has abolished fish traps by an overwhelming majority in a statewide plebiscite; and

WHEREAS, the First State Legislature of the State of Alaska has by statute made the operation of fish traps in any of the waters of Alaska a criminal offense; and

WHEREAS, the Alaska Native Brotherhood and the Alaska Native Sisterhood in general convention assembled at Yakutat, Alaska, in November 1959, by resolution reiterated a long standing policy against the use of fish traps; and

WHEREAS, the villages of Kake, Angoon and Metlakatla, in common with other cities and villages in Alaska, have consistently voted in favor of the abolition of fish traps; and

WHEREAS, the people of Alaska in the state constitution and by ratification of the Statehood Act, Public Law 508 never relinquished the power to conserve their fisheries resources; and

WHEREAS, fish traps are a device used in the taking of migratory salmon

which belong to all of the people and not merely any favored few; and

WHEREAS, the contemplated use of fish traps is not only inimical to the sustained yield principle of conservation but also creates great inequities in competition among individual fishermen on the basis of race; and

WHEREAS, the Organized Villages of Kake and Angoon were put into the commercial fish trap business by the Department of the Interior less than 15 years ago and the Metlakatla Indian Community began the fish trap and canning business less than 50 years ago under federal auspices, none of the three villages can claim modern commercial fish trapping as a custom dating from time immemorial; and

WHEREAS, any rules or regulations promulgated by the Federal Government for Alaska which would result in discrimination between the races of preferential treatment for federal Indian corporations as opposed to all other fishermen in the state are not in the best interests of the whole people;

NOW THEREFORE, Your Memorialist respectfully urges that the Department of Interior refrain from authorizing the organized villages of Kake, Angoon, and Metlakatla to operate fish traps.

Passed by the House February 25, 1960.

Passed by the Senate March 5, 1960.

### HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 51

**To the Honorable Dwight D. Eisenhower, the President of the United States; the**

**President of the Senate and Speaker of the House of Representatives; and to**