

House Memorials

HOUSE MEMORIAL NO. 10

To the Honorable E. L. Bartlett and Ernest Gruening, Senators from Alaska; the Honorable Ralph Rivers, Representative from Alaska; and the Honorable Richard E. McArdle, Chief, Forest Service, United States Department of Agriculture:

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

WHEREAS, the welfare of the people of Alaska and the future of the State of Alaska is inextricably joined with the sound, systematic, and secure development of its natural resources at this time without undue delay or encumbered for prolonged periods of time; and

WHEREAS, the forest products, if systematically and conscientiously developed would contribute materially to the economic prosperity of Alaska; and

WHEREAS, the National Forests within the State of Alaska have been and are now under the direct control and management of the Forest Service of the United States Department of Agriculture; and

WHEREAS, the Georgia-Pacific Alaska Company on August 17, 1955, was granted a preliminary award of a sale of 7½ billion board feet of timber within the Tongass National Forest in Southeast Alaska adjacent to and surrounding Juneau, Alaska; and

WHEREAS, a deposit of \$25,000.00 in cash was required in order to qualify, and an additional deposit in the form of negotiable securities amounting to \$75,000.00 was required upon execution of the aforementioned award as an additional guarantee leading to the culmination of the sale contract within the specified time limits; and

WHEREAS, the terms under which the timber was offered allowed the company until July 1, 1958, to make the necessary arrangements for completion of construction plans and financing; and

WHEREAS, on June 27, 1958, five days prior to forfeiting the money deposited as a guarantee for the faithful performance of the contract, the company was granted an extension of time to and including July 1, 1961, by the Chief, Forest Service, United States Department of Agriculture;

NOW THEREFORE, Your Memorialist, in order to insure the present development of its valuable forest resources, respectfully urges that the Georgia-Pacific Company be compelled to show its good faith by merely complying with the terms of the existing sales contract, and that no further or additional extension of time be granted which would withdraw from utilization this valuable timber resource for the speculative potential inherent in this contract.

Passed by the House February 17, 1960.

HOUSE MEMORIAL NO. 11

To the Honorable Fred Seaton, Secretary of the Interior; the Honorable Glenn Emmons, Commissioner of the Bureau of Indian Affairs; the Honorable E. L. Bartlett and the Honorable Ernest Gruening, Senators from Alaska; the Honorable Ralph J. Rivers, Representative from Alaska; and the Honorable James Hawkins, Area Director of the Bureau of Indian Affairs:

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

WHEREAS, the people along the arctic coast of Alaska depend to a major degree upon fuel oil for heat during the winter months; and

WHEREAS, the population of this area