

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

has been growing at a record rate during the past 10 years due to the increase of employment opportunity in the area; and

WHEREAS, the new and planned construction of schools, hospitals, and other installations will further increase the Barrow population during the years to come; and

WHEREAS, the towns and villages along the Arctic coast have been unable to import sufficient fuel oil and other commodities during the past several years to last through the winter; and

WHEREAS, the only vessel supplying the civilian portion of the population of the area is the Bureau of Indian Affairs USMS NORTH STAR, which has reached

the limit of its fuel oil capacity and cargo space; and

WHEREAS, the USMS NORTH STAR serves over 40 Arctic communities not otherwise served by commercial surface transportation with fuel oil and other commodities;

NOW THEREFORE, Your Memorialist urges that the Department of the Interior make the necessary arrangements to permit the Bureau of Indian Affairs or other government ships to provide this necessary expanded fuel and cargo service to communities not otherwise served by commercial surface transportation.

Passed by the House February 12, 1960.

HOUSE MEMORIAL NO. 12

To the Honorable Thomas S. Gates, Jr., Secretary of Defense; the Honorable James H. Douglas, Secretary of the Air Force; 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 House of Representatives of the State of Alaska in First Legislature, Second Session assembled, respectfully submits that:

WHEREAS, Pan American World Airways has announced its intention to begin jet aircraft traffic on its Seattle to Fairbanks run this March; and

WHEREAS, the only airport at Fairbanks which is presently capable of accommodating the large jet transports which are used by Pan American is at

Ladd Air Force Base, and Pan American has requested temporary use of that airport; and

WHEREAS, the federal government has in the past permitted the use of Ladd Air Force Base, as well as other air bases, by private airlines when other airports were not available or suitable for use; and

WHEREAS, the use would be temporary pending the completion of the already begun extension of the landing strip of the state airport at Fairbanks;

NOW THEREFORE, Your Memorialist urges the federal government to once again permit the use of Ladd Air Force Base by Pan American World Airways until such time as another suitable airport is available for jet transports at Fairbanks.

Passed by the House February 26, 1960.

HOUSE MEMORIAL NO. 13

To the Honorable Richard M. Nixon, President of the Senate; the Honorable Sam Rayburn, Speaker of the House of Representatives; 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 House of Representatives of the State of Alaska in First Legislature, Second Session assembled, respectfully represents that:

WHEREAS, the great advancement of industry, agriculture, and transportation in the United States has been made pos-