

sible through an assured supply of fuels, minerals, timber and arable lands; and

WHEREAS, the United States, with only 7% of the world's population, consumes over a third of the world's production of fuels, minerals and timber products; and

WHEREAS, increasing population and improved living standards throughout the world are placing increased demands on natural resources to the extent that this nation's dominant use of such resources is seriously threatened; and

WHEREAS, the State of Alaska is the largest, under-developed integral part of the United States and the most attractive source from which to replenish these dwindling resources of the nation and their development will assure continued prosperity to the United States;

and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill No. 1123, the "Wilderness Act," would effectively discourage and prevent the development of the mineral wealth of Alaska; the scientific harvesting of its timber, the development of power for industry and the economical location of processing plants for wealth from the sea; and

WHEREAS, although congressional hearings on said bill were held in some parts of the state, no hearings were held in northwestern Alaska thereby depriving the people of that area who are affected by the bill from being heard;

NOW THEREFORE, Your Memorialist urges that the Senate of the United States of America, in the national interest, not enact into law Senate Bill No. 1123.

Passed by the House March 15, 1960.

HOUSE MEMORIAL NO. 14

To the Honorable Frederick H. Mueller, Secretary of Commerce; the Honorable Bertram D. Tallamy, Federal Highway Administrator; the Honorable William J. Niemi, Regional Director, Bureau of Public Roads; 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, the Steese Highway is closed each winter due to heavy snows; and

WHEREAS, the winter closure leaves the road impassable far into the spring; and

WHEREAS, it is essential that the

highway be opened by May 1 in order that supplies and necessary equipment may be taken over the highway to the people of Circle, Central, Circle Springs and Miller House, and so that miners and others may have access to the area served by the Steese Highway before the summer is half over; and

WHEREAS, in recent years the Bureau of Public Roads has been late in removing the winter's accumulation of snow from the Steese Highway, causing the highway to be closed after May 1 to the detriment of the people who must use this important link;

NOW THEREFORE, Your Memorialist urges the Bureau of Public Roads to fulfill its obligations to a patient but needful citizenry by clearing the Steese Highway for the use of travelers no later than May 1, 1960.

Passed by the House March 23, 1960.

HOUSE MEMORIAL NO. 15

To the Honorable Dwight D. Eisenhower, President of the United States; the Honorable Fred Seaton, Secretary of the Interior; the Honorable E. L. Bart-

lett 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, the Alaska Railroad has recently been the object of much criticism for the manner in which it has operated the railroad; and

WHEREAS, the General Accounting Office has documented the serious discrepancies existing in the Alaska Rail-

road's operation of this vital link in the state's communications network; and

WHEREAS, the questions raised by the General Accounting Office's discoveries demand further investigation;

NOW THEREFORE, Your Memorialist requests the Congress of the United States to prosecute an investigation into all phases of the operation of the Alaska Railroad.

Passed by the House March 29, 1960.
