

Senate Joint Memorials

SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 28

To the Honorable Dwight D. Eisenhower, President of the United States; the Honorable Franklin Floete, Administrator of the General Services Administration; 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, Interior Alaska, as well as all of Alaska, has for many years been the victim of Federal neglect; and

WHEREAS, with the coming of statehood and equal rights it finds its easily accessible resources depleted; and

WHEREAS, most of the capital im-

provements for the new state must await development of less accessible resources; and

WHEREAS, the construction of a new Federal building at Fairbanks, Alaska, and the gift to the State of Alaska of the existing structure would, in some measure, compensate for the millions in gold taken from the Fairbanks area during years of colonialism;

NOW THEREFORE, Your Memorialist urges and requests the President of the United States and the General Services Administration to convey title of the existing Federal building, Second and Cushman Street, Fairbanks, Alaska, to the State of Alaska, and to construct a long planned Federal building in Fairbanks.

Passed by the Senate February 4, 1960.
Passed by the House February 12, 1960.

SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 30

To the Honorable Dwight D. Eisenhower, President of the United States; 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 Legislature of the State of Alaska in First Legislature, Second Session assembled, respectfully represents that:

WHEREAS, the southeastern region of Alaska has no connecting roads or highways; and

WHEREAS, communities in this area of Alaska are located along the coastal areas and on offshore islands making the construction of roads uneconomical and in some cases impractical; and

WHEREAS, the most feasible way to provide surface transportation in this area of Alaska is the initiation of a ferry system between the terminus of the Haines Highway at Haines, Alaska, and the terminus of Highway 16 at Prince Rupert, British Columbia, thereby connecting these two roads and providing surface transportation to the intermediate communities; and

WHEREAS, no method of financing is available under existing laws relating to highway and ferry vessel construction; and

WHEREAS, there has been introduced in the Congress S. 1956 to amend the Merchant Marine Act of 1936 to classify the aforementioned ferry run as foreign trade thereby qualifying the ferry vessels engaged in such trade for construction subsidy and loans under the Merchant Marine Act of 1936; and S. 2661 to amend Federal-aid Highway Acts to permit the participation of federal-aid highway

funds in the construction of approach roads to ferry facilities;

NOW THEREFORE, your Memorialist respectfully urges that the Congress of the United States at its present session

pass S. 1956 and S. 2661 thereby making available a method financing the ferry system for Southeastern Alaska.

Passed by the Senate February 4, 1960.

Passed by the House February 17, 1960.

SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 33

To the Honorable Dwight D. Eisenhower, President of the United States; the Honorable Richard Nixon, President of the Senate; the Honorable Sam Rayburn, Speaker of the House of Representatives; the Honorable Warren G. Magnuson, Chairman, Senate Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee; the Honorable Herbert C. Bonner, Chairman, House Merchant Marine and Fisheries Committee; 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, Public Law 85-739 as passed in August, 1958, allows certain small vessels to transport merchandise to and from places within the inland waters of southeastern Alaska and Prince Rupert, British Columbia; and

WHEREAS, the vessels authorized by this law are operated by cooperatives and transport the merchandise of members on a non-profit basis; and

WHEREAS, the large, scheduled vessels serving southeastern Alaska cannot economically and expeditiously provide

service between small fishing villages and the larger commercial and processing centers of southeastern Alaska; and

WHEREAS, considering the numerous and diverse waterways of southeastern Alaska and the dependence of the area on the fishing industry it can be seen that the operation of such small vessels is essential to the total economy of that part of the state; and

WHEREAS, the present federal law authorized the use of such small vessels only until March 15, 1960; and

WHEREAS, this time limitation leaves the operators of such vessels in doubt as to the status of their activities, and has a depressive effect on that part of the Alaskan economy that is dependent on inexpensive and effective transportation between the inland ports; and

WHEREAS, S. 2669 and HR 9124 now before the Congress would relieve this situation by extending the time within which such service is authorized;

NOW THEREFORE, Your Memorialist urges that all necessary action be taken to encourage, pass and approve such federal legislation to extend the limits of Public Law 85-739.

Passed by the Senate February 9, 1960.

Passed by the House February 11, 1960.

SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 36

To the Honorable Dwight D. Eisenhower, President of the United States; the Honorable Fred A. Seaton, Secretary of the Interior; the Honorable Glenn L. Emmons, Commissioner of Indian Affairs; the Honorable James E. Hawkins, Area Director, Bureau of Indian 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, the Bureau of Indian Affairs in Alaska is educating a large number of Indian and Eskimo children in schools scattered throughout the northern