

HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 13.

TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL OF THE UNITED STATES:

Your memorialist, the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska, in Ninth Biennial Session assembled, respectfully represents:

THAT, a native known as Klutak is believed to have murdered Andrew Kallenvik near Harris Creek, a tributary of the Nushagak River, on or about September 2, 1927.

THAT, the United States Marshal has caused a diligent search to be made for Klutak for whom he has a warrant of arrest, but he has not been apprehended and because of this the people in a large section of the country where he is believed to be are afraid to travel, trap furs, or prospect.

THAT, a reward of \$500.00 (Five Hundred Dollars) has been offered by the Federal Government, but this sum is too small to make it worth while for any one to search for him because the cost of preparing for such a trip will exceed this amount.

THAT, as long as Klutak is at large he is a menace to the safety of the residents of that section of Alaska and he should be apprehended and brought to trial.

THAT, we believe a reward of \$1,000.00 (One Thousand Dollars) would result in his capture and respectfully urge that this amount be made available for this purpose.

THAT, under existing regulations United States Marshals are not permitted to cause investigations to be made in cases where people are reported as lost or where bodies are found in isolated places unless it is shown that a crime has been committed.

THAT, many cases have arisen in the Territory where the circumstances have indicated that a crime has been committed and where an immediate investigation probably would have resulted in clearing up the situation but because of the time required to present the matter to the Department of Justice in Washington it was impossible for the officers to act promptly and as a result much valuable time was lost.

THAT, we believe this situation can be improved if the Federal Judges in Alaska are authorized to incur an expense of \$500.00 (Five Hundred Dollars) in the investigation by the United States Marshals of any cases wherein the circumstances

are such that there is reason to believe a crime may have been committed or where persons have disappeared under peculiar circumstances.

Passed the House, April 22, 1929.

Passed the Senate, April 29, 1929.

HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 14.

TO THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES:

Your memorialist, the Legislature of Alaska, respectfully represents:

1. That navigation on both sides of Seward Peninsula is especially dangerous during the months of September and October.

2. That Dutch Harbor is situated within one hundred miles of the traffic lane between United States and Japan and not only close to where so many marine disasters occur on the transpacific routes, but also within easy reach of the traffic along both coasts of Alaska Peninsula where many ship wrecks occur.

3. That the City of Seward on Resurrection Bay is close to the center of the halibut banks which annually crave [claim] many victims.

NOW, THEREFORE, your memorialist most urgently prays,

1. That the necessary provisions be made to station a coast guard ship permanently at Dutch Harbor, Alaska.

2. That another coast guard ship be permanently placed at Seward, Alaska.

3. That the coast guard ship on duty in the Arctic and the Northern Bering Sea be required to remain there until the last ships leave Nome in the fall.

4. That the coast guard ships assigned for the Alaska waters South of Alaska Peninsula be required to remain there in the winter when they are most needed and be sent South for repair, if at all, in the summer instead of, as now, in the winter.

And your memorialist will ever pray.

Passed the House, April 20, 1929.

Passed the Senate, April 22, 1929.