

property for a period likely to cover the whole fishing season, thereby limiting his means of earning his living;

NOW, THEREFORE, Your Memorialist respectfully prays that Section 6 of the Act of Congress approved June 6, 1924, be amended to provide that no boats, gear or other appliances used in fishing shall be seized until the accused has been tried and convicted of the crime charged against him.

Passed by the House, March 30, 1933.

Passed by the Senate, April 4, 1933.

HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 7.

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SECRETARY OF COMMERCE OF
THE UNITED STATES:

Your Memorialists, the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska, in eleventh regular session assembled, respectfully draw your attention to Department Circular, No. 286 Bureau of Fisheries, Alaska Fisheries Service, on page one,

"Game defined—The term 'game animals' shall include * * * sea lions and walrus."

On page 3

"Sea Lions. The killing of sea lions in the Territory of Alaska or in any of the waters of Alaska over which the United States has jurisdiction is prohibited from May 1, 1932, to April 30, 1934, both dates inclusive. This prohibition shall not apply to the killing of sea lions by natives for food or clothing, by miners or explorers when in need of food, by anyone in the necessary protection of property or while such animals are actually engaged in the devastation of runs of salmon, or to the collection of specimens for scientific purposes under permits issued by the Secretary of Commerce.

The penalties and forfeitures imposed by law will be strictly enforced against all persons who commit acts in violation thereof or of the regulations promulgated in accordance therewith."

NOW, WHEREAS, there are in the waters of Alaska a great number of these sea lions; and

WHEREAS, they are increasing rapidly under the protection of the Bureau of Fisheries; and

WHEREAS, these animals are of enormous size, up to three tons in weight; and

WHEREAS, it has been calculated that a sea lion destroys and eats his own weight in salmon every forty-eight hours; and

WHEREAS, sea lions have no commercial value of importance and salmon are not only an important food product of Alaska but of great economic value to the whole Nation; and

WHEREAS, the Province of British Columbia, annually sends Canadian Government boats into the waters of British Columbia hunting these sea lions with military machine guns and thereby driving them into the waters of Alaska; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska recognizes the fact that to maintain a proper propagation of salmon for human consumption it has become necessary to war on the predatory enemies of the salmon and are, out of the funds of the Territory, now paying large sums as bounties for the destruction of other predatory enemies of salmon, some of which are not nearly as harmful as sea lions;

NOW, THEREFORE, we your Memorialists, respectfully petition you to remove the protection now extended to sea lions in the waters of Alaska by the Bureau of Fisheries.

And your Memorialists will ever pray.

Passed by the House, April 8, 1933.

Passed by the Senate, April 18, 1933.

HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 9.

TO THE PRESIDENT AND THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA:

Your Memorialist, the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska, respectfully calls your attention to Sections 2569 and 2570 of the Compiled Laws of Alaska of 1913 providing a license tax on business:

WHEREAS this Act was passed by the Congress of the United States in 1906; and

WHEREAS the licenses provided in this Act are prohibitive in certain lines of business; and