

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

WHEREAS the Legislature of Alaska is in close contact with the commercial and industrial conditions in the Territory and therefore better able to know what license taxes should be put on commerce and industry in Alaska;

NOW, THEREFORE, we your Memorialist, respectfully petitions that the Organic Act of Alaska, being an Act entitled, "An Act to create a Legislative Assembly in the Territory of Alaska, to confer legislative power thereon and for other purposes," approved August 24, 1912, be amended so as to give the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska power to increase, reduce, or annul such license taxes on business, trade or industry in Alaska.

And your Memorialist will ever pray.

Passed by the House, April 14, 1933.

Passed by the Senate, April 25, 1933, as amended.

HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 10.

TO THE HONORABLE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES:

Your memorialists, the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska, in the eleventh regular session assembled, do most respectfully and earnestly represent that,

WHEREAS, during the past 16 years the people of the Territory of Alaska through their Legislature, have appropriated over one hundred and thirty three thousands of dollars in paying bounties on wolves and coyotes for the extermination of these predatory animals, and to protect the young of the valuable fur bearers and food animals of the Territory, and

WHEREAS, the Federal Government by and through its Department of Agriculture has from time to time maintained hunters of predatory animals in the Territory of Alaska, but have discontinued such efforts as not effective, and is not now interested in preserving the young of fur bearers and food animals, by the extermination of wolves and coyotes, and

WHEREAS, the Organic Act of the Territory of Alaska, being "An Act to create a legislative assembly in the Territory of Alaska, to confer legislative power therein, and for other purposes," provides that the Legislature of the Territory may not alter, annul, modify or repeal laws in force in Alaska relating to fur bearing animals thus reserving the right in the Department of Agriculture to control all fur bearing animals in the Territory, and