

waters adjacent to this Territory, without result: That we believe that a properly equipped fisheries boat within a year could disclose resources of fish and shell fish sufficient in extent of value to relieve unemployment among the fishermen of Alaska which would add materially to the wealth of this Territory and of the United States of America.

WHEREFORE, WE, YOUR MEMORIALISTS, PRAY: That immediate steps be taken to secure and equip such vessel as might be appropriately used for said purpose to the end aforesaid and that a comprehensive system of exploratory work be adopted to the end that resources which rightfully belong to the United States be not exploited by foreigners but that the same be developed to the benefit of the people of Alaska and of the United States as a whole,

And your Memorialist will ever pray.

Passed by the Senate, April 6, 1933.

Passed by the House, April 19, 1933.

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### SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 3.

TO THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES, THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, AND THE DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR:

Your Memorialist, the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska respectfully represents that:

WHEREAS, there are approximately two hundred islands along the shores of Southeast and Southwest Alaska, occupied by citizens of the United States under permit from the Forestry Bureau or the Department of the Interior, and used for the purpose of the propagation of blue foxes and other fur bearing animals; and

WHEREAS, the value of the permanent improvements on the islands so leased is of a similar nature and generally equal to that required to be done by homesteaders on the main land before patent is issued; and

WHEREAS, the average annual production of blue fox pelts alone is approximately eight thousand, equal in value to a like number of beef cattle of the same age; and

WHEREAS, it is the expressed desire of the Federal Government to assist and encourage permanent settlement of the Terri-

tory of Alaska and the system of leasing referred to has the effect of discouraging such settlement; and

WHEREAS, the Act of Congress of July 8, 1916 expressly excepts from the benefits of the Homestead Laws, islands leased or occupied for the propagation of foxes, and Congress has, in order to assist and encourage the settlement of unoccupied lands in the United States, provided for Stock Raising Homesteads of 640 acres or less by Acts of December 29, 1916, June 6, 1924 and March 3, 1925,

WHEREFORE, your Memorialist respectfully prays that the Act of Congress of July 8, 1916, be amended by striking the exception to the entry of "Islands leased or occupied for the propagation of foxes", and that the benefits under the Acts of December 29, 1916, June 6, 1924 and March 3, 1925, be extended to the Territory of Alaska.

And your Memorialist will ever pray.

Passed by the Senate, April 13, 1933.

Passed by the House, April 20, 1933.

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#### SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 4.

TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES; TO THE CONGRESS; and TO THE COMMITTEES ON LABOR IN THE HOUSE AND SENATE OF THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES:

Your Memorialist, the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska has learned with consternation that Alaska is included in the provisions of a Bill introduced into Congress of the United States, by Representative Connery, known as House Bill No. 2867; and,

Your Memorialist respectfully represents:

THAT more than ninety-five per cent of all laborers in Alaska are employed in seasonal occupations and that the average working hours for the year do not exceed four hours per day;

THAT more than twenty-five thousand of these laborers are engaged in the fishing industry covering a coastal distance of more than 3,000 miles; that fishing operations in Alaskan waters are, by regulation of the Bureau of Fisheries, arbitrarily limited to a period less than sixty days for each season which obliges the fishing industry to concentrate the year's effort within that short