

SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 11

TO THE HONORABLE HAROLD ICKES, SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR AND TO THE HONORABLE ANTHONY J. DIMOND, DELEGATE FROM ALASKA:

Your Memorialist, the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska, in Fifteenth Regular Session assembled, respectfully represents:

WHEREAS, the U. S. Geological Survey now receives the sum of \$60,000.00 yearly from Congress for its work in Alaska; and

WHEREAS, This sum is \$15,000.00 less than the amount appropriated before World War No. 1; and,

WHEREAS, This sum is so low that the publishing of their reports is delayed several years, due to lack of funds; and,

WHEREAS, Their work is of prime importance in developing our second largest industry; and,

WHEREAS, Less than half of Alaska has been surveyed either topographically or geologically, leaving no dependable information of this type covering about 300,000 square miles, according to the report of the National Resources Committee of 1937; and,

WHEREAS, Geologic Survey, to cover on reconnaissance standards each year of about 5,000 to 10,000 square miles of unsurveyed or inadequately surveyed country, detailed geologic and mineral surveys in more productive areas, to determine extent and characteristics of the reserves, similar surveys for deposits of special mineral as tin, aluminum, nickel, etc., are urgently needed for each year, as a minimum to meet current needs and to carry on a moderate systematic program,

NOW, THEREFORE, We your Memorialist, the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska, Fifteenth Session Regular assembled, do hereby petition Congress to increase the yearly appropriation for the Alaska work of the U. S. Geological Survey to a hundred and twenty thousand dollars yearly, believing it a most wise, prudent and scientific investment for the future growth of our great Territory.

AND YOUR MEMORIALIST WILL EVER PRAY.

Passed by the Senate, March 17, 1941.

Passed by the House, March 21, 1941.