

## House Joint Memorials

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### HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 1

TO THE HONORABLE HARRY S. TRUMAN, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES, THE HONORABLE JULIUS A. KRUG, SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR, AND THE HONORABLE E. L. BARTLETT, DELEGATE FROM ALASKA:

Your Memorialist, the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska, in Eighteenth regular session assembled, respectfully represents that:

WHEREAS, at a Territorial-wide referendum held on October 8, 1946, the people of Alaska voted approximately three to two in favor of statehood for Alaska; and,

WHEREAS, the Treaty of Cession entered into with Russia on March 30, 1867, guarantees that all persons in the Territory shall be admitted to the enjoyment of all the rights, advantages and immunities of the citizens of the United States; and

WHEREAS, notwithstanding United States citizenship of the present-day population of Alaska, the rights of Alaskans are sorely circumscribed by existing Territorial status in that:

They are subject to Federal Taxes without voting representation in Congress, having paid income taxes to the United States in the neighborhood of 15 million dollars per year over the period of the last four years, and lesser sums during preceding years;

They are denied the right to vote for president and to elect members to the United States Senate and House of Representatives, notwithstanding the strategic location of Alaska from the standpoint of global affairs, and valiant service by Alaskans in two world wars;

They cannot elect their own Governor and Lieutenant Governor, or establish their own system of courts;

They cannot control their own natural resources, and in many other respects exercise the prerogatives of a state; and,

WHEREAS, Alaskans in the exercise of local powers have established and maintained good schools, social security programs and orderly conduct of government affairs, and are qualified from the standpoints of both training and experience, to enter upon the responsibilities of statehood;

NOW, THEREFORE, your Memorialist, the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska, respectfully urges that the Congress of the United States enact the Alaska Statehood bill, H. R. 206, now before it or such other appropriate bill as may be advisable for the admission of Alaska as a state in the Union.

AND YOUR MEMORIALIST WILL EVER PRAY.

Passed by the House February 11, 1947.

Passed by the Senate February 18, 1947.

Approved by the Governor, February 26, 1947.

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## HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 2

TO THE ALASKA ROAD COMMISSION AND THE TERRITORIAL BOARD OF ROAD COMMISSIONERS:

Your Memorialist, the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska, in Eighteenth Session assembled, calls to your attention the advisability and importance of surveying and establishing a road from Fort Davis to Solomon and Council, by way of Osborne and Shovel Creeks. This route will give access to existing mining operations at Solomon and Council, and will open up new mining areas;

THEREFORE, your Memorialist urges that work on said project be commenced this coming summer.