

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.

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.

AND YOUR MEMORIALIST WILL EVER PRAY.

Passed by the House February 11, 1947.

Passed by the Senate February 13, 1947.

Approved by the Governor, February 21, 1947.

HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 3

TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, TO THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE UNITED STATES, TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, TO THE POSTMASTER GENERAL, TO THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR AND TO THE DELEGATE TO CONGRESS FROM ALASKA:

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

WHEREAS, on a night in December of the year 1940, the combined Courthouse, Jail and Federal Building at Valdez, Alaska, was totally destroyed by fire; and

WHEREAS, ever since the above occurrence, the town of Valdez and embracing area has been without adequate facilities for housing or maintaining prisoners and holding terms of the district court; and

WHEREAS, all pertinent records and valuable documents pertaining to the Department of Justice, Postoffice Department and other Federal agencies located at Valdez, are scattered throughout the town in various frame buildings, with a constant threat of fire endangering their safekeeping; and

WHEREAS, in replies to Memorials sent them by the Fifteenth and Sixteenth Sessions of the Alaska Territorial Legislature, the Secretary of the Interior, the Postmaster General and the Attorney General of the United States individually recognized the immediate necessity for a Federal building at Valdez, Alaska; and