

HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 21

TO THE TERRITORIAL BOARD OF ROAD COMMISSIONERS
AND THE HIGHWAY ENGINEER:

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

WHEREAS, many Shelter Cabins in the Second Judicial Division of Alaska are in most sorry disrepair, many with fallen-in roofs, and without doors and windows, and

WHEREAS, trails and roads in many places have become nigh impassable by reason of the fast-growing brush, and

WHEREAS, Stakes and/or Tripods, that should mark trails and roads over the storm-swept tundras and open terrain now in use, are rotted and fallen down, thus leaving said trails and roads largely unmarked, and

WHEREAS, many people have to travel by dogteam, or other means of transportation, over such trails or roads, and

WHEREAS, the lives of people, who must travel over such unmarked trails and roads, are in greatest danger when freezing storms and blizzards overtake them,

NOW THEREFORE, your memorialist respectfully and most urgently requests that the Board of Road Commissioners and the Highway Engineer cause to be repaired such needed Shelter Cabins to give life-saving shelter to the travelers in need of such shelter,

And that such needed trails and roads be repaired and cleared of the fast-growing choking brush,

And that such needed and used trails and roads be again adequately marked, by Stakes or Tripods, for the safe guidance to the traveling public.

And that the funds needed for such work be taken from that portion of the Territorial road funds allotted to the Second Division.

AND YOUR MEMORIALIST WILL EVER PRAY.

Passed by the House March 3, 1947.

Passed by the Senate March 8, 1947.

Approved by the Governor, March 19, 1947.

HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 22

TO THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES, THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR AND DELEGATE FROM ALASKA TO CONGRESS:

WHEREAS, every encouragement should be given to prospective settlers and investors to settle in and to develop the natural resources of Alaska; and,

WHEREAS, every cloud on title to lands should be removed without delay; and,

WHEREAS, the question of Indian or aboriginal title constitutes such a cloud on title to lands desired by homesteaders, trade and manufacturers, to pulp and paper investments; and,

WHEREAS, economic and industrial progress and development of Alaska as a whole, and of the Coastal areas in particular, are being retarded and hampered by the uncertainties of the Indian, or aboriginal title controversy;

NOW, THEREFORE, your Memorialist respectfully urges the Congress of the United States to take prompt action to investigate, and settle equitably to all parties in interest, the question of Indian or aboriginal title to all lands in the Territory of Alaska.

AND YOUR MEMORIALIST WILL EVER PRAY.

Passed by the House March 10, 1947.

Passed by the Senate March 14, 1947.

Approved by the Governor, March 19, 1947.