

HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 23

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

Your Memorialist, the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska, in Eighteenth Session Assembled, respectfully submits that:

WHEREAS, the Territory is undergoing expansion of population and is on the verge of the greatest development in its history, which is compatible with the interest of the Federal government in seeing Alaska become a strong buffer state; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to the recent request of the people of Alaska by a referendum vote of three to two in favor of Statehood for Alaska, Congress is presently considering enactment of appropriate legislation for that purpose; and,

WHEREAS, extra financing to implement development programs and provide capital for the new state in establishment of state institutions, would be to the advantage of all concerned, including the nation as a whole; and,

WHEREAS, it has long been the custom to refund to Porto Rico internal revenues derived from that possession, without similar consideration for Alaska, although Alaskans have likewise long paid Federal taxes without voting representation;

NOW THEREFORE, your Memorialist, the Alaska Legislature in Eighteenth Session assembled, respectfully petitions Congress to favorably consider both the advisability and equity of refunding 50% of the income taxes paid directly to the Federal government by Alaskan taxpayers, which would amount to over five million dollars per year, and to enact appropriate legislation for that purpose.

AND YOUR MEMORIALIST WILL EVER PRAY.

Passed by the House March 7, 1947.

Passed by the Senate March 22, 1947.