

## HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 25

TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, THE POST-MASTER GENERAL OF THE UNITED STATES, AND THE HONORABLE E. L. BARTLETT, THE DELEGATE TO CONGRESS FROM ALASKA:

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

WHEREAS, there have been at least four major Alaskan ship disasters during the past year in which the United States mails were either damaged or lost; and,

WHEREAS, the shipping strikes which occurred during the year 1946 caused such a delay in the delivery of regular mail from the Continental United States to the Interior of Alaska that mail sent from the Continental United States in November, 1946, was not received in the Interior of Alaska until March, 1947; and,

WHEREAS, extremely cold weather and other inclement weather conditions have caused the grounding of air-craft to such an extent that air mail has been delayed for upwards of forty days; and,

WHEREAS, a great loss to business and considerable distress to the general public has resulted from these numerous delays in the delivery of mail; and,

WHEREAS, the Alaska Highway is open and usable at all times and in all seasons, and has proved to be a dependable means of access to the Interior of the Territory of Alaska.

NOW, THEREFORE, we, the Eighteenth Legislature of the Territory of Alaska, respectfully pray that the Post Office Department of the United States of America consider and use as an alternate route the Alaska Highway between Dawson Creek, British Columbia, Canada, and Fairbanks, Alaska, for the emergency and regular transportation of first, second, third, and fourth class mail addressed to the Second, Third, and Fourth Judicial Divisions of the Territory of Alaska.

AND YOUR MEMORIALIST WILL EVER PRAY.

Passed by the House March 10, 1947.

Passed by the Senate March 22, 1947.

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### HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 30

TO: THE TERRITORIAL BOARD OF ROAD COMMISSIONERS,  
THE TERRITORIAL HIGHWAY ENGINEER, THE ALASKA  
ROAD COMMISSION AND THE ALASKA REGIONAL OFFICE  
OF THE CIVIL AERONAUTICS AUTHORITY:

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

WHEREAS, the public interest in aviation is rapidly increasing with growth and development of the Territory dependent to a large extent on overcoming inadequacy of the number of airfield and landing strips now available; and,

WHEREAS, the volume of air traffic is especially heavy across the Sheep Mountain beam station on the Glenn Allen Highway, with no emergency landing facility inside a radius of sixty miles from said point; and,

WHEREAS, 5000 feet of straight road near the Sheep Mountain Inn, with terrain alongside favorable for widening purposes, is now available for expedient widening adequate for aircraft landing purposes; and,

WHEREAS, Sheep Creek Mountain Inn has good accommodations for crew and passengers in case of emergency landings, with telephone line promised by the proprietor of said Inn from the Inn to Sheep Mountain Beam Station to establish emergency communications; and,

WHEREAS, there is a gypsum deposit nearby affording excellent material for airstrip surfacing; and,