

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

WHEREAS, the reason given at those previous times for not being able to secure funds enabling the construction of said Federal Building at Valdez, Alaska, was that all building appropriations had to be allocated for National Defense Purposes; and

WHEREAS, for all intents and purposes the Great War is now ended and a more serious need than ever, owing to Alaska's rapid expansion, exists for such building;

NOW, THEREFORE, your Memorialist, the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska, respectfully prays that the United States Officers and Delegate from Alaska, to whom this Memorial is submitted, lend their united effort toward obtaining a Congressional appropriation enabling the construction of a combined Courthouse, Jail and general Federal Building at Valdez, Alaska, capable of housing the offices and records of all Federal Agencies located there.

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Passed by the House, February 19, 1947.

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HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 4

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

WHEREAS, Section 27 of the Jones Act (Merchant Marine Act of 1920, 48 U.S.C.A. Secs. 861 to 889) is grossly discriminatory against Alaska in that it requires all shipments originating in the Eastern United States and carried across the continent in bond by Canadian Railway to be carried North in American flag ships, although similar shipments destined for Pacific Coast ports in the States may be hauled South in Canadian bottoms; and,

WHEREAS, the original purpose of protecting Puget Sound shipping interests to foster an American coastwise merchant marine