

WHEREAS, the present school building at Kenai, Alaska, is old and badly run down; and,

WHEREAS, the enrollment at said school has greatly increased and indications are that same will increase even more; and,

WHEREAS, there is an urgent need, therefore, for the construction of a new school building at Kenai;

NOW, THEREFORE, your memorialist respectfully prays that appropriate action be taken by the Commissioner of Education and the Territorial Board of Education to have such school constructed.

AND YOUR MEMORIALIST WILL EVER PRAY.

Passed by the House February 19, 1947.

Approved by the Governor, February 24, 1947.

HOUSE MEMORIAL NO. 3

TO THE HON. CHARLES E. BUNNELL, PRESIDENT OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA, AND TO THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA:

Your Memorialist, the House of Representatives of the Territory of Alaska in Eighteenth Session assembled, respectfully represents that:

WHEREAS, the Tanana Valley Farmers' Cooperative Association, at their annual meeting, unanimously expressed their approval of continuing the work of Dr. Basil M. Bensin, Agronomist at the Experimental Station of the University of Alaska at College, Alaska; and,

WHEREAS, Dr. Bensin is the one man with the most widely known contact and knowledge of experimental work in the areas of the world similar to the Tanana Valley, and is also internationally known and recognized; and,

WHEREAS, the farmers in Alaska have always felt free to visit the Experimental Station and to view the experiments and seek personal information and advice from Dr. Bensin, and many war veterans have likewise consulted with Dr. Bensin, and find that talking with him gives them added incentive for homesteading and going into the business of agriculture; and,

WHEREAS, many people from the continental United States, who have visited the Experimental Station and have had an opportunity to see the work being done by Dr. Bensin, have likewise commended Dr. Bensin for his splendid work to date; these people include Dr. O. S. Aamodt, Head Agronomist in charge of the Experimental Farm in Washington, D. C., Congressman W. R. Poage, member of the Agriculture Committee of the United States House of Representatives, the Honorable Julius A. Krug, Secretary of the Interior; and,

WHEREAS, many people in Fairbanks and vicinity have written letters of appreciation for the experiments being conducted by Dr. Bensin, and for the information being furnished by him on all problems concerning grains, gardening, etc.; and,

WHEREAS, it has been intimated that the services of Dr. Bensin will be dispensed with on the first of July, 1947, by the University of Alaska, and if this should be true, it would work a great hardship on the agricultural industry in Alaska and be a serious detriment to continued progress in agricultural experiments and development in the Territory of Alaska;

NOW, THEREFORE, your Memorialist, the House of Representatives of the Territory of Alaska in Eighteenth Session assembled, respectfully prays that the President of the University of Alaska and the Board of Regents of the University of Alaska, retain Dr. Basil M. Bensin as Agronomist at the Experimental Station of the University of Alaska and that said President of the University and the said Board of Regents take immediate steps to enlarge the scope of Dr. Bensin's authority and work so that he may not only continue to be of benefit to the agricultural industry, but also to enable Dr. Bensin to conduct new and further experiments beneficial to the agricultural industry.

AND YOUR MEMORIALIST WILL EVER PRAY.

Passed by the House March 3, 1947.

Approved by the Governor, March 11, 1947.