

8. That, notwithstanding willingness of the Territory to cooperate with the Army during the wartime emergency, it is strongly felt that the Army is obligated, as a matter of elementary justice, to relay the 6000 feet of track necessary to restore through track connections to Nome, where cargo for the mining area originates, and where the Alaska Road Commission has its shop and repair facilities;

9. That notwithstanding requests for restoration and advice that the Territory and the Alaska Road Commission have never intended to abandon said line of railroad, the headquarters of the Alaskan Department has highhandedly stated that it is not committed to restore said track and that it is the policy of said headquarters "to consider the existing end of the line at Moonlight Springs as the Terminus of the Seward Peninsula Railroad".

NOW, THEREFORE, your Memorialist, the Alaska Legislature, contends that wartime disregard of property rights and disruption of former public service facilities should be rectified, and urges that appropriate steps be taken at army expense to mend said break in the Seward Peninsula Railroad.

AND YOUR MEMORIALIST WILL EVER PRAY.

Passed by the Senate March 3, 1947.

Passed by the House March 8, 1947.

SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 15

TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES, ADMINISTRATOR OF THE RURAL ELECTRIFICATION ADMINISTRATION, AND THE DELEGATE FROM ALASKA:

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

WHEREAS, an adequate supply of electric power is essential to the civilian economy of Alaska; and,

WHEREAS, location within the Territory of large military developments has created rapid expansion of the need for electric power in communities adjacent to such developments; and,

WHEREAS, as a consequence of this rapid growth, the communities of Alaska are unable, because of the numerous other demands upon them, to make the large capital investments necessary to produce adequate supplies of electric power; and,

WHEREAS, the Rural Electrification Administration has embarked on a highly commendable program to make an adequate supply of electric power available to areas in Alaska where such power is needed; and,

WHEREAS, basic statutory authority of the Rural Electrification Administration limits the activities of that agency to participation with municipalities of not more than 1500 population; and,

WHEREAS, the shortage of power is particularly acute in Alaska in communities of larger than 1500 population, which communities are thus denied the benefits of participating in Rural Electrification Administration developments:

NOW, THEREFORE, your Memorialist, the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska, respectfully prays that the Congress of the United States broaden the statutory authority of the Rural Electrification Administration to enable it to participate with municipalities in Alaska irrespective of their size.

AND YOUR MEMORIALIST WILL EVER PRAY.

Passed by the Senate March 4, 1947.

Passed by the House March 8, 1947.

Approved by the Governor, March 19, 1947.

SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 16

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