

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.

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## SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 16

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

Your Memorialist, the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska, in Eighteenth regular session assembled, respectfully represents that:

WHEREAS, the Legislature of Alaska did at its Seventeenth session respectfully memorialize the Highway Engineer and the Territorial Board of Road Commissioners to take the necessary steps to construct a road to connect the airplane field at Hot Creek in the Third Division of Alaska with the town of Naknek for the purpose of serving the people and business in the neighborhood of Naknek and Bristol Bay points, and

WHEREAS, the said Memorial explained that this connecting road was necessary to make available the airplane service from Hot Creek to Naknek and Bristol Bay points, from which district the Territory collects about thirty per cent of its total revenue, and the value of the said field is greatly reduced because there is no road between the field and the points mentioned, and

WHEREAS, because of the peculiar type of soil in the section through which the road would pass the expense would be less than a similar construction in other places in the Territory, that the inhabitants and business have indicated a desire to defray part of this expense, and the Civil Aeronautics Authority and the War Department still have in their possession suitable construction machinery that they are willing to loan to the Territory for this purpose;

NOW, THEREFORE, your Memorialist, realizing the need of this improvement, petitions and prays that the necessary steps to construct the road be taken as soon as possible, provided, however, that no expenditure be made by the Territory until the residents and business mentioned above be given an opportunity to contribute, and all money so contributed be deposited in the General Fund of the Treasury of the Territory of Alaska and credited to the appropriation for the construction of public roads.

AND YOUR MEMORIALIST WILL EVER PRAY.

Passed by the Senate, March 6, 1947.

Passed by the House, March 14, 1947.

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