

SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 22

TO THE U. S. EMPLOYEES COMPENSATION COMMISSION,
NEW YORK CITY:

WHEREAS, about seven years ago one Minnie Fields of Juneau, Alaska, was injured while employed at the Federal Jail at Juneau, Alaska, and was admitted to disability compensation as authorized by Federal law; but,

WHEREAS, after about two years had gone by, said Minnie Fields was ordered to Seattle for a physical checkup bearing upon continuance of her compensation payments, but because she had the care of many dependent children in a home which she had established for that purpose and was unable to find anyone to care for the children in her absence, she was unable to proceed to Seattle as directed; thereupon her name was stricken from the roll of beneficiaries; and although her disability has persisted, she has since that time received no compensation for her injury, works without pay in caring for the dependent children who live in her home and is badly in need of help;

NOW THEREFORE, your Memorialist, the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska, in Eighteenth Regular Session assembled, respectfully urges that the case of said Minnie Fields be reopened upon her application for same and relief granted on the merits.

AND YOUR MEMORIALIST WILL EVER PRAY.

Passed by the Senate March 14, 1947.

Passed by the House, March 21, 1947.

Approved by the Governor, March 27, 1947.

SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 23

TO THE HONORABLE ROBERT PATTERSON, SECRETARY OF
WAR:

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

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Interior Fish and Wild Life Service has been engaged for a number of years in a study of wild life, both as to the protection of the same and its propagation, including feeding areas suitable for such animals and birds; and in connection with these activities they had set aside approximately three thousand square miles of the public domain as a game and fur sanctuary in the neighborhood of the Tanana River and known as the Mt. Hayes-Blair Lake Game and Fur Refuge, and

WHEREAS, in the year 1927 they released twenty head of buffalo for grazing on this area as an experiment to test the possibility of these animals surviving and becoming adapted to the country; that the said buffalo increased in number to prove the success of the project and also the belief that various other big game animals which at present abound in the area will also increase, and

WHEREAS, during recent years the Mt. Hayes-Blair Lakes Fur and Game Refuge has been used by the Army as a bombing range and the people of the Interior of Alaska have been informed that it is the intention of the Army to increase this area, and

WHEREAS, the present use of the Air Forces of the area in question has greatly interfered with the buffalo project and also with the conservation of other game in that area and in the area immediately adjacent thereto, and

WHEREAS, there are many other tracts of land in the neighborhood that are as suitable for bombing as the Mt. Hayes-Blair Lakes Fur and Game Refuge that have no particular value for agriculture, timber or grazing, notably an area located between Nenana on the east and Ruby on the west, which area consists of low rolling hills, and muskeg soil, and

WHEREAS, the buffalo project of the Alaska Fish and Wild Life and the presence and increase of big game in that section is very important to the people of Alaska and should be increased instead of reduced;

NOW, THEREFORE, your memorialist, the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska, prays that the use of the land in the Mt.

Hayes-Blair Lakes Fur and Game Refuge and in the vicinity thereof as a bombing range be discontinued and that the Army establish and use the area west of Nenana for this purpose.

AND YOUR MEMORIALIST WILL EVER PRAY.

Passed by the Senate, March 14, 1947.

Passed by the House, March 20, 1947.

Approved by the Governor, March 25, 1947.

SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 24

TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, THE SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY, THE COMPTROLLER GENERAL, THE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE VETERANS ADMINISTRATION AND THE DELEGATE FROM ALASKA:

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

WHEREAS, the Territory of Alaska covers an area one-fifth as large as the continental United States, with many isolated communities lacking frequent or regular transportation service for carriage of ordinary mail and with many stoppages and delays in transportation of ordinary mail to the larger cities of Alaska; and,

WHEREAS, airmail to the Territory is rapid and covers most points therein; and,

WHEREAS, veterans receiving government checks from the Veterans Administration live in all parts of Alaska, and in many cases experience considerable hardship under long delays which occur in the present method of transmitting such checks by ordinary mail; and,

WHEREAS, the decision of the Comptroller General, requiring transmission by ordinary mail is of an administrative nature which apparently considered only the general problem as it pertains to the continental United States, without adequate regard for the