

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

unusual situation in Alaska which virtually impels an exception to the general rule;

NOW, THEREFORE, your Memorialist, the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska, respectfully urges that all types of government checks for veterans in Alaska be sent to the recipients by airmail.

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 26, 1947.

SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 25

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

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

WHEREAS, it has been reported that Russia plans expeditions into the Bering Sea for catching crabs and fishing for salmon; and,

WHEREAS, Alaska's fisheries must be protected against encroachment by any foreign power into the Alaska zone; and,

WHEREAS, the President of the United States has declared that the jurisdiction of this country extends over the entire continental shelf and is no longer restricted to the 12-mile limit;

NOW THEREFORE, your Memorialist, the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska, respectfully urges that Russia be warned not to extend such fishing expeditions into water under the jurisdiction of the United States so that the matter may be clearly understood for avoidance of future trouble, and that the proper safeguards be maintained to insure observance of the rights of the United States in the premises.