

WHEREAS, various acts of Congress have imposed certain restrictions and limitations upon the benefits and awards which are to be paid to Veterans of the Armed Services of the United States and to their beneficiaries, which benefits and awards are to be determined upon an individual income basis; and,

WHEREAS, these said limitations and restrictions result in a virtual nullification of most of the said awards and benefits to Veterans of the Armed Services of the United States who reside in Alaska, due to the fact that the cost of living is higher than within the continental limits of the United States; and,

WHEREAS, the United States Government is cognizant of the fact that such a condition exists within the Territory of Alaska and has made provision for its employees therein to receive a differential of twenty-five per centum (25%) of their base salaries;

NOW, THEREFORE, your Memorialist, the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska, respectfully prays that the necessary steps be taken to remove all limitations and restrictions as above set forth imposed upon all Veterans benefits as applied to those Veterans of the Armed Service of the United States and their beneficiaries who reside within the Territory of Alaska, and further, that all such benefits and awards to Alaskan Veterans and to their beneficiaries be increased by twenty-five per centum (25%).

AND YOUR MEMORIALIST WILL EVER PRAY.

Passed by the Senate February 19, 1947.

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Approved by the Governor, March 11, 1947.

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## SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 5

TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES, SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE, U. S. FOREST SERVICE, COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC ROADS AND PUBLIC ROADS ADMINISTRATION, AND TO THE DELEGATE FROM ALASKA:

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

WHEREAS, there are 20,800,000 acres of reserve forest lands in Alaska comprising a major portion of shorelands in Southeastern Alaska and embodying large potential resources; and,

WHEREAS, for the past eight years practically no new road construction has been performed in such forest areas; and,

WHEREAS, funds for new road construction in such national forests allotted to the Public Roads Administration are proportionately less than for similar areas in the United States proper; and,

WHEREAS, numerous road construction, reconstruction and rehabilitation projects are required in many localities in Tongass National Forests, including roads in and near Juneau, Ketchikan, Sitka, Wrangell and Douglas, Hoonah, Klawock, Kake, and in Chugach National Forest, including roads in the vicinity of and near Seward, Cordova, Cooper's Landing and Turnagain Arm; and,

WHEREAS, such roads would contribute materially to the settlement, growth and prosperity of Alaska as a whole; and,

WHEREAS, such roads are necessary to promote an orderly growth and development of that portion of Alaska held under National Forest Reserve;

NOW THEREFORE, it is requested that road funds allotted the Public Roads Administration for new construction in Alaska be materially increased; that such road funds be allocated on the basis of an equitable distribution to the forest areas in Alaska as compared to forest areas in other parts of the United States, and that sufficient new construction monies, in addition thereto, be allocated to construct, reconstruct and rehabilitate pressing road projects in the National Forest area in Alaska specifically enumerated in paragraph five above.

AND YOUR MEMORIALIST WILL EVER PRAY.

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