

WHEREAS, deplorable mooring facilities in Ketchikan makes it nearly impossible for vessel owners, operating the more valuable boats to arrange for winter quarters, and thus take advantage of large local Machine Shops and Shipyards, thus retarding the growth and prosperity of the community, through annual migrations to Puget Sound and other Washington State localities for winter quarters and boat overhaul and repair;

NOW, THEREFORE, your Memorialist, the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska, respectfully prays that the Honorable Julius A. Krug, Secretary of the Interior, and Col. Hardy, C. E., Rivers and Harbors Division, U. S. Engineers, in accordance with the findings of the Rivers and Harbors Division of the United States Engineer Office, take whatever steps may be necessary for the beginning of the work by the United States Government on the Bar Point Boat Harbor Project at Ketchikan, and that the work be carried on to an early conclusion.

AND YOUR MEMORIALIST WILL EVER PRAY.

Passed by the Senate February 20, 1947.

Passed by the House February 21, 1947.

Approved by the Governor, February 26, 1947.

SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 8

TO THE HONORABLE HARRY S. TRUMAN, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES; THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES; THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE UNITED STATES; SECRETARY OF STATE; SECRETARY OF COMMERCE; SECRETARY OF WAR; SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR; AND HONORABLE E. L. BARTLETT, DELEGATE TO CONGRESS FROM ALASKA:

Your Memorialist, the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska in Regular Session, most respectfully submits for your consideration a resolution received from the City Council of Anchorage, dated February 8, 1947, which reads as follows:

RESOLUTION

"WHEREAS the City of Anchorage is now designated by the Civil Aeronautics Board as a territorial point in aerial transportation between the United States and Alaska; and

WHEREAS the City of Anchorage has also been designated by the Civil Aeronautics Board as an intermediate point in international aerial transportation between the United States and the Orient; and

WHEREAS the City of Anchorage, in order to extend its facilities to accommodate rapidly increasing passenger and freight transportation by air needs additional financial aid; and

WHEREAS the City of Anchorage now owns and maintains the municipal airport known as Merrill Field; and

WHEREAS said municipal airport is inadequate in size and facilities to accommodate modern air transport equipment; and

WHEREAS said airport cannot be economically enlarged to accommodate such newer types of equipment; and

WHEREAS the use of said municipal airport for large aeromotive equipment has been made impracticable because of the construction of Elmendorf Field at Fort Richardson, Alaska, within such proximity to said Merrill Field as to create a conflict in traffic patterns which has proven extremely hazardous to the operation of both said airports; and

WHEREAS the Federal Government, under provisions of the Federal Aid Airport Act of 1946, has made Federal appropriations available for the development of modern air transport facilities in local communities, subject to the limitation that the Federal Government shall not contribute more than 75% of the total cost of such construction; and

WHEREAS, in conjunction with the operation at Merrill Field, the City of Anchorage is presently compelled to provide a much larger airport and more adequate facilities at another location adjacent to such City; and

WHEREAS the City estimates that the cost of such new airport will approximate Seven and One Half Million Dollars; and

WHEREAS the City is unable to raise 25% thereof by taxes, or public improvement bonds; and

WHEREAS the City is authorized by Congressional Act passed June 28, 1946 to issue bonds for certain municipal purposes, including the construction of municipal airports; and

WHEREAS the City Council, under the authority of said Act, will expend Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars for such purposes, provided it is authorized so to do by City electors; and

WHEREAS urgent need exists for immediate action to develop such new and expanded airport facilities for civil and national defense purposes; and

WHEREAS the City of Anchorage does not have sufficient funds, either authorized or prospectively available to enable it to qualify under the present financing provisions of the Federal Aid Airport Act of 1946; and

WHEREAS the City deems urgently necessary the assistance of the Territorial Government and the Federal Government in the financing of such airport project;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council, for and on behalf of the City of Anchorage, request that the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska memorialize the Congress of the United States to adopt special legislation in favor of the Territory of Alaska authorizing expenditure of Federal funds for airport purposes in excess of the sums now available for expansion of the airport facilities in said Territory; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council, for and on behalf of the City of Anchorage, solicit the aid of the Honorable Governor and all members of the Territorial Legislature toward procuring assistance from all Federal Agencies established in the Territory of Alaska in development of such project; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council, at the next special or general election to be held in said City, place before the voters of said City a proposition calling for the expenditure of

Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars to be used in the construction of a new municipal airport, and for the issuance of general obligation bonds of the City of Anchorage to finance the City's share of the construction costs thereof; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council immediately take such further action as it may deem necessary and advisable to institute an airport development program for said City.

Passed and approved this 8 day of Febr., 1947

/s/ FRANCIS C. BOWDEN
Mayor

Attest: T. E. DOWNES
City Clerk
(Seal)"

AND WHEREAS, your Memorialist considered the contents of the said resolution and concurred in the same, and asks that the relief requested in the said resolution be accorded;

NOW, THEREFORE, we, your Memorialist, do respectfully pray that the proper departments of the government take the necessary steps to grant the aid asked for and to carry into effect the provisions of the resolution.

AND YOUR MEMORIALIST WILL EVER PRAY.

Passed by the Senate February 21, 1947.

Passed by the House March 3, 1947.

Approved by the Governor, March 19, 1947.

SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 9

TO THE HONORABLE HARRY S. TRUMAN, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES; TO THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE; TO THE U. S. FOREST SERVICE; TO THE COMMITTEE ON TERRITORIES AND INSULAR AFFAIRS OF THE SENATE; TO THE PUBLIC ROADS ADMINISTRATION; AND TO THE DELEGATE FROM ALASKA: