

WHEREAS, the population of said Division has tremendously increased during the past seven years to the point where it is now the most populous division in Alaska; and,

WHEREAS, the judicial duties in said Division have expanded beyond the capacity of any one Judge, and now require and demand the establishment of a second judgeship in said Division to meet the need;

NOW THEREFORE, your memorialist urges and recommends that legislation be enacted to provide for two United States District Judges instead of only one, for the Third Judicial Division, Territory of Alaska, and that said additional District Judge be located at Anchorage, Alaska.

AND YOUR MEMORIALIST WILL EVER PRAY.

Passed by the House, February 15, 1949.

Passed by the Senate February 19, 1949.

Approved by the Governor February 23, 1949.

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## HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 17

TO THE HONORABLE HARRY S. TRUMAN, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES; THE HONORABLE JULIUS A. KRUG, SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR; THE HONORABLE JOSEPH C. O'MAHOONEY, CHAIRMAN COMMITTEE ON INTERIOR AND INSULAR AFFAIRS, UNITED STATES SENATE; THE HONORABLE ANDREW L. SOMERS, CHAIRMAN, COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC LANDS, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, AND THE HONORABLE E. L. BARTLETT, DELEGATE TO CONGRESS FROM ALASKA:

Your Memorialist, the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska, in Nineteenth Session assembled, respectfully represents:

WHEREAS, Statehood in the American union on a basis of full equality with all the other states has long been an aspiration

of the people of Alaska in fulfillment of their belief, as good American citizens, in government of, by and for the people; and

WHEREAS, Alaskans have demonstrated over many years their adherence to the principles upon which the government of the United States was founded and their ability to meet all the requirements for statehood; and

WHEREAS, Congress has been memorialized to grant statehood to Alaska by every session of the Territorial Legislature for many years past; and

WHEREAS, the people of Alaska officially registered their desire for statehood in a referendum election held in 1946 pursuant to an Act of the seventeenth session of the Territorial Legislature; and

WHEREAS, the sentiment in favor of statehood so clearly expressed in that election has continued to grow until the people of Alaska now are virtually unanimous in their desire that Alaska shall speedily become a state; and

WHEREAS, the Public Lands Committee of the House of Representatives in the 80th Congress unanimously reported in favor of Alaska Delegate E. L. Bartlett's Bill to admit Alaska to statehood, such unanimous agreement having followed extensive hearings in Washington and throughout Alaska before the sub-committee on Territorial and Insular Possessions; and,

WHEREAS, the national platforms of both major political parties adopted at their conventions in Philadelphia in 1948 declared in favor of statehood for Alaska, that of the Democratic Party specifying "immediate statehood"; and

WHEREAS, a Bill identical with that which received unanimous endorsement of the House Public Lands Committee in the 80th Congress has been introduced in the 81st Congress by Delegate Bartlett.

NOW, THEREFORE, Your Memorialist, the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska respectfully urges that the Congress of the United States adopt at the present session legislation providing for the admission of Alaska as a state of the union.

AND YOUR MEMORIALIST WILL EVER PRAY.

Passed by the House, March 1, 1949.

Passed by the Senate March 3, 1949.

Approved by the Governor March 3, 1949.

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### HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 18

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

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

WHEREAS, the residents of the incorporated town of Yakutat, Alaska, are largely dependent upon the fishing industry for their livelihood; and

WHEREAS, during the five months of the fishing season, some 120 fishermen of whom approximately 90 are residents of Yakutat spend the bulk of their time on the fishing grounds at Situck River, some 10 miles from the town of Yakutat; and

WHEREAS, a majority of the Yakutat fishermen move their families to the fishing grounds at Situck River during the fishing season; and

WHEREAS, there is no adequate harbor at Situck River and travel by boat from Yakutat to Situck River is not only hazardous but is also impossible during a great part of the fishing season; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the fishermen to transport their fish to Yakutat for sale; and

WHEREAS, the only overland means of transportation between Yakutat and Situck River is a privately operated railroad owned by Libby McNeil & Libby; and