

been drawn out for months and even years; all this in effect curtailing the operations of the small operators of aircraft, and restricting competition as well as the natural growth of the industry to such an extent as to prevent the lowering of rates, and thereby the now exorbitant cost of living to the residents of the Territory; and,

WHEREAS, no notice has seemingly been taken of like petitions and resolutions passed by the various Chambers of Commerce, the Alaska Development Board, and other organizations within Alaska;

NOW THEREFORE, your Memorialist prays that the President of the United States, the Congress of the United States, and the members of the Civil Aeronautics Board do cause such action to be taken as to abolish the powers of the Board in respect to Alaska; specifically that operators of small commercial aircraft serving the remote areas of the Territory be freed of the cumbersome and hampering requirements of the Board, and, furthermore, that any Alaskan air carrier with sufficient and proper personnel, equipment and experience, be permitted to engage in unlimited transportation of mail, cargo and passengers between the Territory of Alaska and various points in the United States proper.

AND YOUR MEMORIALIST WILL EVER PRAY.

Passed by the Senate January 28, 1949.

Passed by the House February 3, 1949.

Approved by the Governor February 14, 1949.

SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 3

TO THE HONORABLE HARRY S. TRUMAN, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES; THE HONORABLE JOHN W. SNYDER, SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY; THE HONORABLE J. A. KRUG, SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR; THE HONORABLE CHARLES SAWYER, SECRETARY OF COMMERCE;

THE HONORABLE WILLIAM W. SMITH, CHAIRMAN, UNITED STATES MARITIME COMMISSION; THE HONORABLE JOSEPH C. O'MAHONEY, CHAIRMAN, SENATE COMMITTEE ON INTERIOR AND INSULAR AFFAIRS; THE HONORABLE EDWIN C. JOHNSON, CHAIRMAN, SENATE COMMITTEE ON INTERSTATE AND FOREIGN COMMERCE; THE HONORABLE HOMER E. CAPEHART, UNITED STATES SENATE; THE HONORABLE HUGH BUTLER, UNITED STATES SENATE; THE HONORABLE SCHUYLER O. BLAND, CHAIRMAN, HOUSE COMMITTEE ON MERCHANT MARINE AND FISHERIES; THE HONORABLE ANDREW L. SOMERS, CHAIRMAN HOUSE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC LANDS; THE HONORABLE E. L. BARTLETT, DELEGATE TO CONGRESS FROM ALASKA:

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

WHEREAS, the ports of Skagway and Haines, Alaska, are so situated as to have no year-round, reliable transportation service except by water, and are thus dependent for their existence upon maritime commerce; and

WHEREAS, these ports are receiving from American flag carriers only token service of one voyage northbound every three weeks, with no service whatever southbound; and

WHEREAS, incident to supplying of the Yukon Territory of Canada, foreign vessels of the Canadian Pacific Coast Steamship Service make regular calls at the ports of Skagway and Haines twice a month in winter and three times a week in summer, with southbound as well as northbound service; and

WHEREAS, the provisions of Section 8 of the Act of June 19, 1886 as amended (46 U.S.C. 289) and Section 27 of the Merchant Marine Act of 1920 as amended (46 U.S.C. 883) prohibit transportation of passengers and merchandise on foreign vessels between Alaska ports or between Alaska ports and those in the United States proper; and

WHEREAS, approximately 1100 citizens of Alaska of the two ports and surrounding area are thus arbitrarily deprived of the transportation service they require in order to exist, suffering not only inconvenience and commercial disadvantage but also a threat to their health, welfare and life itself; and

WHEREAS, the Congress has seen fit to waive provisions of the acts named to permit the transportation on foreign vessels of passengers between Rochester, New York and Alexandria Bay, New York, as well as freight and passengers between Alaskan points on the Yukon River, in both of which exempted areas the need to use Canadian vessels is less pressing than at Haines and Skagway, Alaska;

NOW THEREFORE, your Memorialist, the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska, in Nineteenth regular session assembled, respectfully urges that, without prejudice to Alaska's long-standing request for general exemption from the restrictive provisions of the Act of June 19, 1886, as amended (46 U.S.C. 289) and the Merchant Marine Act of 1920 as amended (46 U.S.C. 883), the Congress immediately enact legislation to waive the provisions of these acts as they apply to the ports of Haines and Skagway, Alaska, to the end that passengers and freight may be moved in Canadian vessels to and from the ports of Haines and Skagway, Alaska, freely and without restrictions.

AND YOUR MEMORIALIST WILL EVER PRAY.

Passed by the Senate January 29, 1949.

Passed by the House January 31, 1949.

Approved by the Governor February 7, 1949.

SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 4

TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR, THE CONGRESS AND THE DELEGATE FROM ALASKA:

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

WHEREAS, gold mining, as the second largest industry in Alaska which produced approximately twenty-five million dollars