

House Joint Memorials

HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 1

TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES; THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR; THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE ON INTERIOR AND INSULAR AFFAIRS, UNITED STATES SENATE; THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC LANDS, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES; AND THE DELEGATE FROM ALASKA:

Your Memorialist, the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska, in Twenty-first Session assembled, respectfully submits that:

WHEREAS, the ideal of self-government has been the cornerstone upon which we have built the greatest nation on earth, the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, it is the proven desire of the people of Alaska to become one of the several states of the United States of America as soon as possible; and

WHEREAS, the direct election of our own governor by the people of Alaska would be a definite step toward the fruition of Alaska's goal of Statehood and would provide further evidence as to the validity of our claim of being able to govern ourselves as a state of the United States:

NOW THEREFORE, your Memorialist, the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska respectfully urges that the Congress of the United States adopt at present session, legislation enabling the people of Alaska to elect their own governor and Secretary of Alaska.

AND YOUR MEMORIALIST WILL EVER PRAY.

Passed by the House January 31, 1953.

Passed by the Senate February 7, 1953.

Approved by the Governor February 10, 1953.