

## HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 22

TO THE HONORABLE DOUGLAS McKAY, SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR; THE HONORABLE E. L. BARTLETT, DELEGATE TO CONGRESS FROM ALASKA; THE COMMISSIONER, UNITED STATES BUREAU OF RECLAMATION, WASHINGTON, D. C., AND JOSEPH M. MORGAN, MANAGER, ALASKA DISTRICT, UNITED STATES BUREAU OF RECLAMATION, JUNEAU, ALASKA:

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

WHEREAS, investigations by private enterprise are under way to determine the economic feasibility of utilizing a large magnetite iron deposit at Klukwan, near Haines, Alaska, for the production of electrothermic steel and/or ferroalloys; and

WHEREAS, if surplus power from the proposed Taiya hydro-electric project does not become available it will be necessary to develop independent power sources in the Klukwan region to power iron mining equipment, ore treatment facilities, and electric furnaces; and

WHEREAS, there are two promising power sites in the adjacent upper Chilkat River region lying wholly within the Territory of Alaska; and

WHEREAS, the Chilkat River power sites are within economic transmission distance to both the Klukwan magnetite deposit and town of Haines; and

WHEREAS, this development would beneficially affect the economy of the upper Lynn Canal region in Southeastern Alaska and would provide a market for other minerals occurring in the Territory that are required in the production of ferroalloys;

NOW THEREFORE, Your Memorialist, the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska respectfully urges that the Bureau of

Reclamation investigate during its 1953 field season the two power sites on the upper Chilkat River to determine their annual firm output of hydroelectric energy and other engineering and economic data pertinent to this development.

AND YOUR MEMORIALIST WILL EVER PRAY.

Passed by the House March 3, 1953.

Passed by the Senate March 7, 1953.

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TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES; THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE UNITED STATES IN CONGRESS ASSEMBLED; AND THE DELEGATE TO CONGRESS FROM ALASKA:

Your Memorialist, the legislature of the Territory of Alaska in Twenty-first Regular Session assembled, respectfully represents that:

WHEREAS, the Territory of Alaska is at a crucial stage in its growth and economic development; and

WHEREAS, the most important factor in continued growth and development is the building and expansion of basic industry in Alaska; and

WHEREAS, the high costs of transportation for persons and freight in Alaska are a most serious deterrent to the making of new investments and the growth of Alaskan industry; and

WHEREAS, there are pending before the 83rd Congress measures providing for the repeal of the wartime emergency transportation tax on passenger travel and the reduction of the transportation tax on freight; and