

HOUSE MEMORIAL NO. 20

TO THE DELEGATE TO CONGRESS FROM ALASKA; AND
TO THE POSTMASTER GENERAL OF THE UNITED
STATES:

Your Memorialist, the House of Representatives of the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska, in Twenty-first Regular Session assembled, respectfully represents:

WHEREAS, communities and towns in Southeastern Alaska, such as Sitka, Hoonah, Tenakee, Angoon, Skagway and Haines, and like communities and towns along the Alaska Peninsula, now receive parcel post mail by air; and

WHEREAS, surface ships cannot financially maintain schedules of sailings to these smaller areas without the advantage of mail contracts; and

WHEREAS, the residents of those communities and towns desire that mail boat contracts be resumed on other than first class and air mail in order that food and other freight, the cost of shipment of which by air is prohibitive, may be received on more frequent occasions; and

WHEREAS, the present system of utilizing airplanes, to the exclusion of surface ships, in carrying mail to these smaller areas in Alaska, is extremely detrimental to the growth and prosperity of those areas because both means of transportation are essential to health and development of these outlying communities;

NOW THEREFORE, your Memorialist prays that mail boat contracts for other than first class and air mail to communities and towns in Southeastern Alaska, such as Sitka, Hoonah, Tenakee, Angoon, Skagway and Haines, and to like communities and towns along the Alaska Peninsula, be resumed as soon as possible, in preference to the carrying of mail to those areas by air.

AND YOUR MEMORIALIST WILL EVER PRAY.

Passed by the House March 26, 1953.