

SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 19

TO THE ASSISTANT POSTMASTER GENERAL, BUREAU OF FACILITIES, DIVISION OF FEDERAL BUILDING OPERATIONS, WASHINGTON, D. C.; TO THE POSTMASTER, JUNEAU, ALASKA; AND TO 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 present Chambers of the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Territory of Alaska are inadequate in size and acoustics to conveniently or comfortably accommodate the number of persons required to occupy the same during legislative sessions, and are poorly lighted and ventilated; and

WHEREAS, the space presently allotted to committees of the Alaska Legislature and to the legislative secretarial and clerical personnel is entirely inadequate as to size, lighting, ventilation and acoustics, to permit efficient operation therein; and

WHEREAS, additional space is required for cloak rooms, both for use of members of the Legislature and for the general public attending sessions; and

WHEREAS, permanent storage space is needed for the safe-keeping of files, records, supplies and equipment of the Legislature between sessions thereof; and

WHEREAS, there is no public drinking fountain or telephone in the Federal Building at Juneau for the use of the members of the Legislature or the general public; and

WHEREAS, due to the construction and acoustics of the legislative chamber, it is difficult for the Chief Clerk of the House and the Secretary of the Senate to be heard throughout the Chambers; and

WHEREAS, the following suggestions and recommendations would provide the improvements mentioned hereinabove:

In both Chambers, refurnish with new desks. In the House, reduce the size of the Speaker's platform and remove the present curved railing on the public gallery. Finish ceilings in both Chambers with acoustic material. Improve overhead lighting in both Chambers, and provide in both Chambers ventilation deflectors on all windows.

Permanently assign the following rooms for use during each session of the Legislature (said rooms to be available for temporary use as office space when the Legislature is not in session):

For the House of Representatives:

Room 214 Chief Clerk and Assistant
Room 216 Stenographers and clerks
Room 220 Mimeograph, File and Work Room
Room 222 Legislature Committee Room

For the Senate:

Room 206 Secretary and Assistant
Room 204 Stenographers and Clerks
Room 202 Mimeograph, File and Work Room
Room 201 Legislature Committee Room

and install fluorescent lighting fixtures therein, with not less than four fixtures to a room; cover ceilings with acoustic material, and provide ventilation deflectors on all windows.

Set aside Room 218 as a private cloak room for use of the Legislature, and erect therein permanent hat and cloak racks, hangers, etc., sufficient for at least 75 persons, and allow the present cloak room to be used as a public cloak room during sessions. Assign Room 218 permanently to the Legislature for use as a storeroom for the safekeeping of files, records, supplies and equipment of the Legislature between sessions thereof.

Install a public drinking fountain in the corridor on the second floor of the Federal Building for use of the members of the Legislature and the public; and install a telephone in the present cloak room during sessions of the Legislature for use of the public.

Install a loud speaker system in the Chambers of the Senate and of the House of Representatives for use by the Chief Clerk of the House and the Secretary of the Senate.

NOW THEREFORE, your Memorialist, the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska, respectfully urges and requests that the foregoing recommendations be favorably acted upon and carried out.

Passed by the Senate March 6, 1953.

Passed by the House March 19, 1953.

SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 21

TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE AND THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES, THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, THE POSTMASTER GENERAL, THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR, THE DIRECTOR OF THE PUBLIC BUILDINGS ADMINISTRATION 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, on a night in December of the year 1940, the combined Courthouse, Jail and Federal Building at Valdez, Alaska, was totally destroyed by fire; and

WHEREAS, ever since the above occurrence, the town of Valdez and embracing area has been without adequate facilities for housing or maintaining prisoners and holding terms of the District Court; and

WHEREAS, all pertinent records and valuable documents pertaining to the Department of Justice, Postoffice Department