

HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 11

To the Honorable Dwight D. Eisenhower, President of the United States of America; the United States Senate; the United States House of Representatives; the Secretary of the Interior; the Director, Bureau of the Budget; and the Honorable E. L. Bartlett, Delegate to Congress from Alaska:

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

WHEREAS, the federal government is responsible for making the rectangular surveys of the public domain; and

WHEREAS, there is an urgent need for increased rectangular surveys in Alaska, and the lack of rectangular surveys in Alaska creates delay in issuance of land titles, and makes difficult the orderly and progressive development of Alaska; and

WHEREAS, only 6/10 of one per cent of Alaska has been surveyed into townships and sections, and if surveys of Alaska are continued at the average rate of the last fifty years, the rectangular surveys will not be completed for 7770 years, or until the year 9655 A. D.; and

WHEREAS, if surveys of Alaska are continued at the average rate of the last ten years, the rectangular surveys will not be completed for

43,650 years which evidence the fact that the rate of surveys in Alaska is increasingly neglected to an infinite degree; and

WHEREAS, oil and gas leases have been issued and applications are pending for millions of acres of unsurveyed land in Alaska, and no part of the revenue of such leases is credited to the permanent school funds because the land is not surveyed; and

WHEREAS, there is a great need to increase the permanent school fund as provided for in the Act of March 4, 1915 (48 USC 353), and large sums would accrue to this fund from revenues received from school lands, but such lands can not be reserved or selected as school land until surveyed; and

WHEREAS, for the last forty years only \$55,892.43 has accumulated to the permanent school fund of Alaska chiefly by virtue of lack of surveys necessary to establish the reservation of school land,

NOW THEREFORE, your Memorialist, the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska, in Twenty-second Regular Session assembled, respectfully urges that at least two million dollars per year for the next five years be made available for the sole purpose of extending the rectangular surveys of Alaska, to permit the settlement and development of Alaska to proceed in an orderly

manner on the basis of such surveys, and to permit the public school system to materially benefit from increased revenues from surveyed land which will become re-

served for the support of the schools upon survey.

And your Memorialist will ever pray.

Passed by the House, March 4, 1955

Passed by the Senate, March 10, 1955

HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 13

To the Honorable Dwight D. Eisenhower, President of the United States of America; the United States Senate; the United States House of Representatives; the Secretary of the Interior; the Director, Bureau of the Budget; and the Honorable E. L. Bartlett, Delegate to Congress from Alaska:

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

WHEREAS, fishing is the main industry of Alaska; and

WHEREAS, water transportation is the chief method of serving the exports and imports of Alaska; and

WHEREAS, the use and occupancy of the tide and submerged land adjacent to the shores of navigable waters in Alaska is essential to its fishing and water transportation industries; and

WHEREAS, improvements valued in the millions of dollars have been constructed on the tide and submerged land of Alaska at all its coastal towns and outlying fishing establishments; and

WHEREAS, the tide lands of Alaska are held in trust by the federal government for the future State of Alaska; and

WHEREAS, the federal government has not by statute legalized the occupancy of tide and submerged land of Alaska; and

WHEREAS, the federal government has not fully administered the use made of tide flats, thus depriving the Territory of much revenue and also caused continuation of an unstable economic condition by not authorizing use or sale of tide and submerged lands; and

WHEREAS, proper administration of the tide and submerged lands by