

out bid or competition, to persons other than Indians; and

WHEREAS, such fishing boats will be sold at public sale at a fraction of their value because of the great number of boats subject to legal action and the canneries are subject to being negotiated under private sale, all of which will cause ruinous consequences to many Indian Communities and greatly endanger and impair the public interest.

NOW THEREFORE, it is respectfully requested that a Congressional investigation be made immediately into the Alaska Native Service's handling and administration of the Wheeler-Howard Act

program in Alaska and that necessary steps be taken to (1) correct the mandatory purchasing practices which have attached to the borrowing of money by Indians engaged in small business, and (2) prevent the present wholesale foreclosure of fishing boats and repossessing or leasing of canneries so that this very beneficial program may be allowed to continue and achieve its primary purpose of assisting the Indians and Eskimos to attain economic independence and improved living conditions.

**And your Memorialist will ever pray.**

Passed by the Senate February 15, 1957.

#### SENATE MEMORIAL NO. 4

**To the Honorable Arthur Sommerfield, Postmaster General, Washington, D. C.; to the Honorable Fred A. Seaton, Secretary of the Interior; to the Honorable Henry M. Jackson, United States Senator; to the Honorable Wayne Morse, United States Senator; to the Honorable Warren G. Magnuson, United States Senator; to the Honorable Richard Neuberger, United States Senator; to the Honorable E. L. Bartlett, Delegate to Congress.**

Your Memorialist, the Senate of the Territory of Alaska, in Twenty-third Session assembled, respectfully represents:

WHEREAS, it has been the apparent policy of the United States Post Office Department to honor statesmen, scholars, explorers and other outstanding Americans by issuing a commemorative postage stamp; and

WHEREAS, Judge James Wickersham has distinguished himself as an outstanding American and particularly as a distinguished Alaskan, having, among other feats, the following accomplishments to his credit:

(a) Was appointed to the Alaska Federal Bench in 1900;

(b) Assisted in establishing the present judicial system now existing in the Territory; creating the first court in the Interior of Alaska;

(c) Led the first expedition ever to attempt to climb (1903) Mt. McKinley, the highest peak on the North American Continent; later introduced bill to Congress creating Mt. McKinley National Park;

(d) Named city of Fairbanks, 1902, and established the seat of the Court in this Interior Alaska city;

(e) Introduced bill and helped establish the University of Alaska;

(f) Published the first newspaper, the "News-Miner" in Fairbanks;

(g) Compiled a monumental work, "Bibliography of Alaska Literature, 1724-1924"; wrote numerous historic, scientific and legal manuscripts concerning Alaska, and his biography, "Old Yukon — Tales, Trails and Trials" which has become a classic;

(h) Preserved for Alaska rare historic documents, books, maps, artifacts which became a part of the famed Wickersham Library and Collection now on exhibit in the Territorial Historical Library and Museum; and

(i) Served with distinction as Alaska's Delegate to Congress for fourteen years.

WHEREAS, Judge Wickersham is

one of Alaska's great pioneers and his record of cleaning up lawlessness and establishing order in the gold rush days made him outstanding, and most of Alaska's development today can be attributed to his fearlessness; and

WHEREAS, August 24, 1957, marks the centenary of the birth of James Wickersham whom Alaskans regard with great respect, honor and love

NOW THEREFORE, your Memorialist respectfully urges the United States Post Office Department to issue a WICKERSHAM CENTENARY COMMEMORATIVE POSTAGE STAMP in his honor and memory.

**And your Memorialist will ever pray.**

Passed by the Senate February 13, 1957.

## SENATE MEMORIAL NO. 5

**To the Honorable Waino Hendrickson, Acting Governor of Alaska; the Honorable Sinclair Weeks, Secretary of Commerce; the Honorable C. D. Curtiss, Commissioner of the Bureau of Public Roads; the Honorable Irving Reed, Territorial Highway Engineer.**

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

WHEREAS, at the present time there is no linking surface transportation connecting the city of Cordova, Alaska, with the Alaska highway system and the residents of Cordova are in dire need of such

transportation; and

WHEREAS, completion of the partially constructed Copper River Highway, would provide such a connection and would contribute greatly to the present and future economic growth and prosperity of the residents of Cordova and the towns and villages situated along the Copper River, as well as all the residents of Alaska;

NOW, THEREFORE, Your Memorialist, the Senate of the Territory of Alaska, in Twenty-Third Regular Session assembled, respectfully urges that immediate completion of the Copper River Highway be approved and that the necessary funds for that purpose be desig-