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Mr. E. F. Wann,  
Hotel Coeur d'Alene,  
Spokane, Wash.

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of April 21, in which you request that I write you a letter of recommendation and forward it to the Engineer Officers' Reserve Corps, 204 Pine Street, San Francisco, California, as you have made application for examination as captain and it is necessary to have three recommendations.

In reply I have to advise you that I have complied with your request and a letter has this day been forwarded to the address designated above.

I note that you are still open for enlistment in the Alaska contingent, provided it is authorized, and, should it be, I shall have pleasure in availing myself of your services.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Deveraux

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Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of the Department's letter of April 18 (H. A. Meyer, Assistant to the Secretary), together with a copy of a letter from Mr. Thomas Riggs, and a copy of a law in force in Yukon Territory, regarding public administrators; and you suggest that in the event that the laws of Alaska, in relation to the administration of the estates of deceased persons are not sufficient, it might be advisable that this matter be brought to the attention of the legislature.

In reply I have to state that I have examined the law of Yukon Territory and believe that a similar law might well be enacted by the territorial legislature. Inasmuch, however, as our territorial legislature will adjourn within a week, and as it still has a plethora of business to consider, it will not be practicable to have a bill similar to the one referred to introduced at this session.

Respectfully yours,

Governor

The Secretary of the Interior,  
Washington

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Hon. L. V. Ray,  
Seward, Alaska

My dear Senator:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of April 17, in which you offer certain suggestions for the better protection and defense of the Territory. I have read your letter with much interest, and I coincide with every statement that you have made. I am fully cognizant of the fact that extraordinary precaution should be taken at this time to preserve law and order in the Territory, especially in view of the fact that there are many German and Austrian aliens now residing in the various sections of Alaska.

I have taken up these matters with the Administration, but as yet have received no other than general instructions. I assume, however, that specific instructions covering most of the matters mentioned in your favor will be issued, probably within a short time.

I have to thank you for the great interest shown, and I beg to assure you that I appreciate, to the fullest extent, your letter. In case authority is given by the War Depart-

ment for the establishment of a coast guard, or other  
organisation that will be given a recognised military  
status, I shall be glad to accept your services. I shall  
be glad to receive any suggestions for the good of the nation  
or Territory that may occur to you at any time.

With assurances of my great personal esteem, I am,

Cordially yours,

Governor

April 26, 1917

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Mr. E. Carlson,

Box 713,

Kallegg, Idaho

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of April 18, in which you inquire as to the reward offered for the apprehension of one Edward Krause, who escaped from the Junction jail on April 12.

In reply I have to advise you that Krause was shot and killed on April 15 at Doty's Cove, by one Arvid Franzen, to whom the reward was paid.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

April 26, 1917

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Mrs. Margaret May,  
371 West Wood Street,  
Decatur, Ill.

Dear Madam:

I have your letter of April 15, inquiring as to opportunities presented in Alaska for graduate nurses.

In reply I have to advise you that trained nurses are employed in nearly all the hospitals maintained in the different towns of the Territory, but I cannot give you any specific information as to whether there is any demand at this time for them. I might suggest that you address St. Ann's hospital and the Juneau General Hospital, of Juneau; The Alaska Pioneers' Home, Sitka, and the White Pass Hospital at Skagway.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

April 26, 1917

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Sir:

I am transmitting herewith a copy of a letter from Joseph A. Bourke, Special Employee for the suppression of the liquor traffic among the natives in the third judicial division, together with a sketch of the fishing grounds of the Copper River, which letter is self-explanatory, for such action as you may deem fit to take in the premises.

I may state that I believe the statements contained in Mr. Bourke's letter are worthy of credence, as during a visit to the Copper River valley in 1915 I received many complaints from the natives and some white men as to the depletion of the salmon in the Copper River by reason of intensive fishing.

I am,

Respectfully yours,

Enc.

Governor

The Secretary of the Interior,

Washington

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Mr. B. M. Blew, Manager,  
Good Roads Bureau,  
California State Automobile Association,  
1622-28 Van Ness Ave.,  
San Francisco, Cal.

Dear Sir:

Acknowledging receipt of your letter of April 17, with reference to the importance of good roads as a factor in the social and economic development of our country, I have to say that, in my opinion, good roads are second only in importance to the maintenance of good schools in the nation. Public schools are necessary for the education of the children of the country and, therefore, the permanence of our form of government; good roads are a tremendous factor in the economic, industrial and social progress of the country, as is well illustrated by the vast sums that are being expended in the various states and by the nation itself in the building of state and national highways.

Yours very truly,

Governor

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GOVERNOR'S OFFICE  
JUNEAU

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TO THE DISPATCH:

Harry Melain, who entered Morningside Sanitarium from  
Iditarod August 29, 1915, died April 20, 1917, of parietic  
dementia.

Jim Shaelain, a native of Ketchikan, who was admitted  
to Morningside sanitarium in 1913 died April 13 of arterial  
sclerosis.

Mason Koteluk, committed to Morningside in 1915 from  
St. Michael, died April 16.

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Sir:

In response to the request contained in the Department's letter of the 27th ultimo ( E. J. Ayers, Chief Clerk), I beg to enclose herewith fifteen impressions of the official seal of the Territory of Alaska on seals attached to separate sheets of this paper, and ten impressions of the official seal of the Territorial Treasurer similarly prepared.

Respectfully yours,

Governor

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The Secretary of the Interior,  
Washington.

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April 27, 1917

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Honorable Charles E. Davidson,  
Secretary of Alaska,  
Juneau, Alaska

My dear Sir:

By direction of the Governor, I transmit herewith the approved bond and oath of office of L. A. Edwards, together with a letter of transmittal from the clerk of the court at Fairbanks. Mr. Edwards' post office address does not appear in the bond nor is it mentioned in the letter from the clerk of the district court; unless his address has been indicated to you in connection with the remittance to cover the legal fee for the commission, it is suggested that the commission be mailed to the clerk of the district court at Fairbanks, with the request that he see to its delivery to Mr. Edwards.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Enc.

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I have known the bearer, Mr. Rowland H. Martin, for a number of years in this city, where he practically grew to manhood, and I desire to say that he is a young man of exemplary character, and it affords me pleasure to be able to recommend him for examination as lieutenant in the Officers' Reserve Corps, United States Army. I am sure that should Mr. Martin be successful in his aspiration, he will acquit himself creditably in the discharge of any duty to which he might be assigned.

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April 26, 1917

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TO THE SENATE:

I have this day approved, signed, and transmitted to the Secretary of the Territory, for permanent filing in his office, the following Senate Bill:

SENATE BILL NO. 16

Entitled:

"Relating to the purchase, sale, transfer and incumbrances of stocks of goods, wares, merchandise and fixtures and equipment in bulk, and providing penalties for the violation thereof."

Respectfully,

Governor

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April 26, 1917

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The Secretary of Alaska,  
Juneau, Alaska.

Sir:

I have this day approved and signed, and  
am transmitting herewith for permanent filing in  
your office, the following Senate Bill:

SENATE BILL NO. 53

Entitled:

"An Act designating and declaring the  
Forget-me-not to be the Territorial and Floral  
emblem of Alaska.

Respectfully yours,

Governor.

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April 28, 1917.

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TO THE SENATE:

I have this day approved, signed, and transmitted to the Secretary of the Territory for permanent filing in his office, the following Senate Bill:

SENATE BILL NO. 96

Entitled:

An Act designating and declaring the Forget-me-not to be the Territorial and Floral emblem of Alaska.

Governor.

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April 28, 1917

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The Secretary of Alaska.

Juneau, Alaska

Sir:

I have this day approved and signed, and am transmitting herewith for permanent filing in your office, the following

Senate Bill:

SENATE BILL NO. 16

Entitled:

"Relating to the purchase, sale, transfer and incumbrance of stocks of goods, wares, merchandise and fixtures and equipment in bulk, and providing penalties for the violation thereof."

Respectfully

Governor

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April 23, 1917.

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TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

I have this day approved, signed, and transmitted to the Secretary of the Territory for permanent filing in his office, the following House Bill:

HOUSE BILL NO. 37

Entitled:

"An Act to regulate the practice of medicine and surgery in the Territory of Alaska, to create a Board of Medical Examiners, to provide for the punishment of violators of the provisions of this Act by fine or imprisonment, and to repeal all laws in conflict with this Act."

G O V E R N O R.

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April 23, 1917.

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The Secretary of Alaska,  
Juneau, Alaska.

Sir:

I have this day approved and signed, and am transmitting herewith for permanent filing in your office, the following House Bill:

HOUSE BILL NO. 37

Entitled:

"An Act to regulate the practice of medicine and surgery in the Territory of Alaska, to create a Board of Medical Examiners, to provide for the punishment of violators of the provisions of this Act by fine and imprisonment, and to repeal all laws in conflict with this Act."

Respectfully yours,

Governor.

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April 28, 1917.

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Mr. Harry Raback,  
Room 36, Seaview Apartments,  
Juneau, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

The bearer, Mr. Emil Kalsusky, advises that he owes you about two weeks' board and room rent. He has no funds, and you are authorized to present to this office your bill for the amount of board and room rent due to you by him, and the same will be paid by the Territory of Alaska.

Respectfully yours,

Governor.



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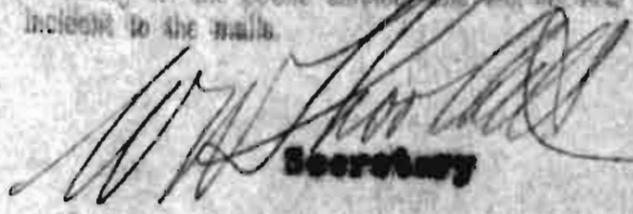
Secretary Interior,

Washington

Your telegram this date. Am forwarding by first mail which leaves here Monday certified copy minutes of Canvassing Board, together with certified copies opinions of Territorial Attorney General and Judge Jennings in case of Salzer versus canvassing board, accompanied by personal letter.

STROMS, Governor

I certify that this telegram is an official business, and necessary for the public service, and will not bear the delay incident to the mails.

  
Secretary

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April 28, 1917

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Hon. Franklin K. Lane,

Secretary of the Interior,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

In compliance with the request contained in your telegram of this date that I send you reasons given by me for deciding in favor of Vickersham, together with the opinion of the Territorial Council to the Canvassing Board, and the opinion of Judge Jennings, and any other facts that I might see fit to transmit, with reference to the Sulzer-Vickersham controversy, I am transmitting herewith (a), a certified copy of the proceedings of the Territorial canvassing board, (b), two opinions of the Territorial Council, Mr. Grigoby (who had not at that time assumed the office of Territorial Attorney General), (c), opinion of Judge Jennings, in the case of Sulzer, relator, etc., v. the Canvassing Board, (d), protest filed with the canvassing board by Emory Valentine, and (e), brief of John Rastgard, who appeared as amicus curiae in the above-entitled case.

The certified copy of the minutes of the Territorial canvassing board, which is charged with the duty of canvassing the votes cast at the elections for Delegate to Congress from Alaska, as well as members of the Territorial legislature, will, I be-

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lieve, serve to explain why a majority of the canvassing board (the Surveyor General of Alaska and myself), found that Mr. Wickersham had received a majority of the votes cast at the election held on November 7, 1916, and, following such finding, announced our intention to issue a certificate of election in accordance therewith. I desire, however, to submit the following personal statement for your consideration:

From the unofficial election returns published in the newspapers, it was evident that the vote for Delegate was very close, and immediately partisan politics were injected into the controversy, and every influence that a few extreme partisans of Mr. Sulzer could command was used in an attempt to secure the majority of the canvassing board into issuing a certificate to Mr. Sulzer, whether or not he had received a majority of the votes of the Alaska electorate.

When the board began its canvass of the votes, the Territorial Council, Mr. Grigby, was present and gave the board oral advice from time to time, and, as will be verified by the minutes of the board, he advised counting the votes of the precincts which were afterwards contacted, namely, Bearing, Utica, Chogiang, Bushagak, Bennifield and Vault, as well as other precincts where irregularities of different kinds had been noted by the board. Later I had reason to believe that he was being subjected to outside influences and this was verified when he came to the Governor's office one morning and said that he would submit a written opinion to the canvassing

board upon the validity of the votes cast in the precincts, the throwing out of the vote of which would indubitably elect Mr. Sulzer. At that time I told him that I was thoroughly familiar with conditions in every precinct in Alaska, and at other times previously I had said to Mr. Grigoby that, knowing as I did the conditions obtaining in every precinct in the Territory, I was disposed, as a member of the canvassing board, to consider these conditions and not deprive the voters of any of the precincts of their votes because of mere technicalities or irregularities, no fraud being alleged in any of the precincts whatsoever. I also said to him that "if you submit a written opinion to the board, it must stand the 'acid test,' for the board is not compelled to accept your opinion if it believes that it is wrong or partisan." He replied, "I know that the board does not, but I would not like to be turned down by the board," to which I answered, "That is quite likely just what will happen unless the board considers your opinion fair and sound in all respects."

When I found that he had determined upon submitting a written opinion, I immediately called a meeting of the canvassing board and stated to them what Mr. Grigoby had told me, and I said that I did not think it fair for the Territorial Council to submit a written opinion covering only a few precincts, the exclusion of the votes of which would result in

the objection of Mr. Sulzer, while we had found irregularities and technical violations of the election law in some forty odd precincts; and I suggested that inasmuch as the Territorial Council had signified his intention of submitting a written opinion, that we submit a list of questions to him, embracing all of the irregularities and technicalities which we had found in canvassing the vote. This was agreed to and a list of twenty-two questions was submitted to him. He submitted two opinions, which were made a part of the minutes of the canvassing board; and which are transmitted herewith. Only one of these opinions was given publication in the local press, the first or shorter opinion being suppressed.

Upon reading and comparing these opinions, both Mr. Davidson and myself arrived at the conclusion that they were unsound and that Mr. Grigby had "crossed his tracks," so to speak, in the two opinions. You will have these opinions and you may examine them for yourself and will see whether we erred in our judgment or not. I wish to especially direct your attention to opinion marked "Opinion No. 1," question 19, wherein the Territorial Council states:

"Where the explanation made by the election board is in compliance with section 21, chapter 25, Session Laws of Alaska, 1915, the ballots should be counted. The fact that the ballots bore the name of a political party is no reason for rejecting them. Where the law permits the voters to use other than official ballots, they do not have to be in the form prescribed by the legislative act, but are sufficient if they substantially comply with the Congressional act, and under the Congressional act, distinguishing marks

or party designation would not be a material irregularity. There is no reason whatever for rejecting the ballots on account of the party designation and no authority can be cited in support of their rejection."

And also to opinion marked "Opinion No. 2," page 6, as follows:

"My conclusion, therefore, is that the Alaska Territorial act is mandatory, in so far as it relates to the manner of preparation and form of the ballot. It follows, therefore, that ballots cast, not prepared by the proper officials and substantially conforming to the statute are illegal."

It appeared to myself, at least, that the second so-called "opinion" was more in the nature of a brief in favor of the throwing out of the ballots of these precincts, rather than an impartial submission of the law and the authorities in the case. In this, I, too, may have been mistaken, but I do not believe that I was.

I particularly wish to point out to you that I believed and still believe, that it was without the province of the canvassing board to reject ballots, where no fraud was apparent or alleged, when these ballots showed, as they did, the clear intent of the voter. I had also in mind section 5, article 1, of the Constitution of the United States, which says:

"Each House shall be the Judge of the Elections, Returns and Qualifications of its own Members,"

and I believed that the House of Representatives was the only body which had jurisdiction in the case, and this I

still believe, notwithstanding the opinions of the Attorney General and the opinion of Judge Jennings of the District Court, which is also submitted herewith.

A section of chapter 25, Session Laws of Alaska, 1915, entitled, "An Act to provide official ballots for elections in the Territory of Alaska," not only provides an official ballot, but contains many other sections relating to the conduct of elections, including a certification, as follows, when non-official ballots are used:

"That in any precinct where an election has been legally called and no official ballots have been received, the voters are permitted to write or print their ballots, but the judges of election shall in this event, certify to the facts which prevented the use of the official ballots, which certificate must accompany, and be made a part of, the election returns."

In the cases of the voting precincts of Deering, Bennifield, Utica, Choggiung and Nushagak, such certificate did not accompany the non-official ballots which had been used. These are remote precincts, two of them in the second judicial division, Bennifield in the fourth judicial division, and Choggiung and Nushagak in the third. As stated above, these are remote precincts, with few mail or transportation facilities and difficult of access at all seasons of the year, the precincts of Choggiung and Nushagak being located on Nushagak Bay of Bering Sea. These precincts are served by a monthly mail steamer; the coast is stormy and it is fre-

quently impossible to land mail, and the board was advised unofficially that the mail steamer had not been able to land in such time as to enable these precincts to receive the official ballots. The board was also advised by telegraph from the clerk of the court at Nome, on February 13, 1917, (during the time that the canvassing board was in session) that affidavits showing the reason why certificates did not accompany the unofficial ballots used in these precincts, had been received by him and forwarded by mail to Juneau. These affidavits, when later received by the canvassing board, showed that the precinct election board had not received the official ballots and that the form of the ballot had been received by telephone from Nome, Nome and the precinct of Deering being connected by long-distance telephone, whereas, as far as the other precincts are concerned, there is no telephone or telegraphic communication whatsoever.

All the unofficial ballots used were in the form of ballot prescribed by the Territorial law, and, as stated, there was no evidence of fraudulent ballots, as far as the canvassing board could determine, all the ballots being regular, except that they were non-official; and there were no allegations of fraud presented on the part of anyone to the board during the canvass. It was noted that in two of the precincts great care had been taken in the form and preparation of the unofficial ballots used.

The ballots used in the voting precinct of Nushagak was what is known as a "Democratic Party worker's ballot," containing the names of the Democratic candidate for Delegate and the Democratic candidates for the legislature, but the names of James Wickersham, the Republican, and Louis, the Socialist candidate had been written in, in ink, on the ballot, and all of the candidates received some votes, showing, as the majority of the board believed, that there was no attempt to perpetrate fraud, and that every voter was given the privilege of voting for the candidate of his choice.

In the Bonifield precinct "sample ballots" issued by the clerk of the court were used instead of the official ballots, and the board could not conceive that any sane election officials should use prepared ballots or sample ballots had the official ballot been received. Here, I wish to emphasize again that the ballots were regular in every way except that they were not official. As a matter of fact, the only ballots found in the entire canvass by the board that might be suspected of having been used for a purpose, were those of the voting precinct of Nushak, on the north side of the Alaska Peninsula, where Democratic party workers' ballots were used, and none but Democratic candidates were voted for, the name of no other candidates appearing on these ballots; but a certificate, showing why these ballots were used, accompanied the returns.

So far as the voting precinct of Vault is concerned, I am still unable to find any reason whatsoever for the rejection of the vote of that precinct, inasmuch as paragraph 3, section 403, chapter two, of the Compiled Laws of Alaska, 1913, provides---

"In case it shall appear to said board that no election return as hereinbefore prescribed, has been received by the Governor, from any precinct in which an election has been held, the said board may accept in place thereof, the certified copy of the certificate of election for such precinct received from the clerk of the court, and may canvass and compile the same with other election returns."

This was just what the canvassing board did. But the court held that those votes were illegal.

I have given above as briefly as possible under the circumstances, an outline of my reasons for deciding that Mr. Wickersham had received a majority of the votes cast at the election in November last, and was therefore entitled to a certificate of election.

I repeat that I am thoroughly familiar with conditions obtaining throughout Alaska, even in the remotest precincts, gained by a twenty-years' residence in the Territory, and I am more competent to speak of these conditions and the people of these precincts than either the Territorial Council or the Judge of the District Court, for the first division, who, I may honestly claim, have not this knowledge, gained as I

have gained it, by actual experience in most of those remote places. The Territorial law (which a number of lawyers of standing in their profession say is invalid, because, among other reasons, its subject-matter includes much more than its caption declares), and its provisions were utterly unknown to the election boards of those remote precincts; it is quite probable that not an election board in any of those precincts had even a copy of that law, and it is a reasonable presumption that, had they copies of the law, they did not know that it contained a law relating to Territorial elections. This fact was also taken into consideration by the majority of the board, and we did not feel that we were called upon to deprive the voters of remote precincts of their right to vote because of a lack of knowledge of what we believed was merely a directory provision of the law, and not mandatory.

In conclusion, I want to add that Mr. Sulzer's contest, as I verily believe, was instituted by a very small clique of Democrats in Junco, with the aid and assistance of the national committeemen, who maintained that it would be "good politics" for the canvassing board to give Mr. Sulzer, the candidate receiving the minority votes, with a certificate of election so as to enable him to make a better fight for the seat in Congress, should a contest ensue. The fact of

the matter is that an almost intolerable situation has been created in this Territory over this matter. A very few Democrats, with mistaken zeal, probably, or with a desire to build up a party machine, and not an effective organization having the confidence of the rank and file of the Democratic party, have evolved a plan to control patronage and build up a machine without any regard whatsoever to efficiency on the part of appointed officials; but I want to emphasize this fact, that ninety per cent of the Democrats of Alaska---and I have reason to know whereof I speak---believe that the Democratic Party should not be subjected to the control or direction of a few, self-seeking, selfish men. For my own part, and I think I may say the same for Mr. Davidson, in our action in deciding that Mr. Wickersham had received a majority of the legal votes cast at the election of last November, we were actuated by a principle of duty, in accordance with our oaths of office, and the dictates of our consciences. Neither Mr. Davidson nor myself have at any time been a supporter of Mr. Wickersham, nor did we sympathize with him in any way in his political career; but we did not believe that our duty to the Democratic party called for us to do that which we believed was manifestly wrong and unfair and which, to our minds, was defeating the will of a majority of the people as expressed by

their votes; in other words, we put, I think I may modestly claim, principle above party, and, therefore, we would not be the instruments by which the Democratic Party of Alaska would be stultified and rightly charged with conniving at stealing an election, for, in my opinion, that is what the subsequent course pursued by the contestant and his advisers amounted to, and which, if successful, will destroy the usefulness of the party in the cause of honest and progressive government.

If I have erred, I am willing to assume the responsibility of my action and take the consequences, whatever they may be, confident in the belief that I was guided by what I believed, and still believe, was a duty I owed to the people of Alaska, to the Party, of which I am a member, and to the Administration.

I am,

Respectfully,

Governor

April 30, 1917.

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Mr. Allen Shattuck, Treasurer,  
Board of Trustees, Alaska Pioneers' Home,  
Juneau, Alaska.

My dear Sir:

By direction of the Governor there is enclosed herewith U. S. Treasury check No. 146, dated March 31, 1917, in favor of the Alaska Pioneers' Home, Sitka, for \$309.10, being the amount allowed by Judge Hannell, of the Fourth division, to apply on account of the maintenance of inmates in the Home from that division for the fiscal quarter ended March 31, 1917.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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April 30, 1917.

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Honorable Charles E. Davidson,  
Secretary of Alaska,  
Juneau, Alaska.

My dear Sir:

By direction of the Governor I transmit herewith the approved bond and oath of office of E. M. Marx, of Nome, Alaska, together with postal money order in your favor for \$10 to cover the legal fee for a notary commission.

You will note the date of the commission is filled in in the bond form as June 1, 1917.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

Encls.

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Lineatime Manufacturing Co., Inc.,

925 St. Paul St.,

Rochester, N. Y.

Dear Sirs:

Please send us a copy of such printed matter as you may have describing your attachment for typewriters, advertised in The Gregg Writer. We would also like to have the prices and the names and addresses of dealers, if any, on the Pacific coast who handle this device, if this information is not contained in the printed matter asked for.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Juneau, April 30, 1917. O. B. Am.

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Dr. Geergesen,

SITKA.

Relative yours date please advise maximum pay per month stenographer and clerk could expect to receive. Will endeavor find competent person, but not sure can do so.

~~SHORTHILL.~~

I certify that this telegram is on official business, and necessary for the public service, and will not bear the delay incident to the mails.

  
Secretary to the Governor.

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April 30, 1917

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TO THE SENATE:

I have this day approved, signed and transmitted to the Secretary of the Territory, for permanent filing in his office, the following Senate Bill:

SENATE BILL NO. 73.

Entitled:

"An Act creating a fund in the Treasury of the Territory of Alaska, to be used for the purpose of detecting crime, and declaring an emergency therefor."

Governor

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April 30, 1917

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To THE SENATE:

I have this day approved, signed and transmitted to the Secretary of the Territory, for permanent filing in his office, the following Senate Bill:

SENATE BILL NO. 68,

Entitled:

"An Act requiring the Governor of the Territory of Alaska to cause to be printed certain reports of Territorial officials."

Governor

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April 30, 1917

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TO THE SENATE:

I have this day approved, signed and transmitted to the Secretary of the Territory, for permanent filing in his office, the following Senate Bill:

SENATE BILL NO. 54.

Entitled:

"An Act to prohibit the advertising of intoxicating liquors for sale or gift and to fix penalties for the violation thereof."

Governor

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April 30, 1917

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TO THE SENATE:

I have this day approved, signed and transmitted to the Secretary of the Territory, for permanent filing in his office, the following Senate Bill:

SENATE BILL NO. 12.

Entitled:

"An Act to amend section 1211, chapter 39, title XIII of the Compiled Laws of Alaska, relating to the trial of issues in action of an equitable nature."

Governor

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TO THE SENATE:

I have this day approved, signed and transmitted to the Secretary of the Territory, for permanent filing in his office, the following Senate Bill:

SENATE BILL NO. 10.

Entitled:

"An Act to amend section 970, chapter 14, title XIII of the Compiled Laws of Alaska, relating to attachment."

Governor

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April 30, 1917

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TO THE SENATE:

I have this day approved, signed, and transmitted to the Secretary of the Territory for permanent filing in his office, the following Senate Bill:

SENATE BILL NO. 5

Entitled:

"An Act to amend chapter 32, of Alaska Session Laws for the year 1913, entitled 'An Act to establish juvenile courts, to provide for the care of dependent children, to create children's guardians in Alaska, and for other purposes,' by amending section 2 and section 6, and by adding a new section, to be numbered section 10."

Governor

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TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

I have this day approved, signed and transmitted to the Secretary of the Territory, for permanent filing in his office, the following House Bill:

HOUSE BILL NO. 45.

Entitled:

"An Act to amend the sixth subdivision, section 4, chapter 47, session laws, 1913, as amended by section 1, chapter 18, Session Laws, 1915."

Governor

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**THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:**

I have this day approved, signed and transmitted to the Secretary of the Territory, for permanent filing in his office, the following House Bill:

**HOUSE BILL NO. 42,**

**Entitled:**

"An Act to prohibit the sale, exchange or giving of cigarettes, cigars or tobacco in any form to persons under the age of eighteen (18) years in the Territory of Alaska, declaring the violation of this act a misdemeanor and fixing the penalty for such offense."

Respectfully,

Governor

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**THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:**

I have this day approved, signed and transmitted to the Secretary of the Territory, for permanent filing in his office, the following House Bill:

**HOUSE BILL NO. 31,**

**Entitled:**

"An Act to provide for the erection of cabins and shelter along traveled roads and trails and the equipment of such cabins, making it a crime to remove such cabin or any portion thereof, or any articles contained therein, prescribing the penalty for such offense and declaring an emergency."

**Governor**

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**THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:**

I have this day approved, signed and transmitted to the Secretary of the Territory, for permanent filing in his office, the following House Bill:

**HOUSE BILL NO. 29,**

**Entitled:**

**"An Act amending section six hundred and fifty-eight, chapter twenty-three, Compiled Laws of the Territory of Alaska, and declaring an emergency."**

**Governor**

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The Secretary of Alaska,

Juneau, Alaska

Sir:

I have this day approved and signed, and am transmitting herewith for permanent filing in your office, the following Senate Bill:

SENATE BILL NO. 73,

Entitled:

"An Act creating a fund in the Treasury of the Territory of Alaska, to be used for the purpose of detecting crime, and declaring an emergency therefor."

Respectfully,

Governor

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The Secretary of Alaska,

Juneau, Alaska

Sir:

I have this day approved and signed, and am transmitting herewith, for permanent filing in your office, the following Senate Bill:

SENATE BILL NO. 68,

Entitled:

"An Act requiring the Governor of the Territory of Alaska to cause to be printed certain reports of Territorial officials."

Respectfully,

Governor

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The Secretary of Alaska,

Juneau, Alaska

Sir:

I have this day approved and signed, and am transmitting herewith, for permanent filing in your office, the following

Senate Bill:

SENATE BILL NO. 54,

Entitled:

"An Act to prohibit the advertising of intoxicating liquors for sale or gift and to fix penalties for the violation thereof."

Respectfully,

Governor

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The Secretary of Alaska,

Juneau, Alaska

Sir:

I have this day approved and signed, and am transmitting herewith, for permanent filing in your office, the following Senate Bill:

Senate Bill No. ~~10~~

Entitled:

"An Act to amend section 1211, Chapter 39, title XIII of the Compiled Laws of Alaska, relating to the trial of issues in action of an equitable nature."

Respectfully,

Governor

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The Secretary of Alaska,

Juneau, Alaska

Sir:

I have this day approved and signed, and am transmitting herewith, for permanent filing in your office, the following Senate Bill:

SENATE BILL NO. 10,

Entitled:

"An Act to amend section 970, chapter 14, title XIII of the Compiled Laws of Alaska, relating to attachment."

Respectfully,

Governor

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The Secretary of Alaska,

Juneau, Alaska

Sir:

I have this day approved and signed, and am transmitting herewith, for permanent filing in your office, the following Senate Bill:

SENATE BILL NO. 5

Entitled:

"An Act to amend chapter 32, of Alaska Session Laws for the year 1913, entitled 'An Act to establish juvenile courts, to provide for the care of dependent children, to create Children's Guardians in Alaska, and for other purposes,' by amending section 2 and section 8, and by adding a new section, to be numbered section 10."

Respectfully yours,

Governor

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The Secretary of Alaska,

Juneau, Alaska

Sir:

I have this day approved and signed, and am transmitting herewith, for permanent filing in your office, the following House Bill:

HOUSE BILL NO. 45,

Entitled:

"An Act to amend the sixth subdivision, section 4, chapter 47, Session Laws, 1913, as amended by section 1, chapter 18, Session Laws, 1915."

Respectfully,

Governor

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April 30, 1917

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The Secretary of Alaska,

Juneau, Alaska

Sir:

I have this day approved and signed, and am transmitting herewith, for permanent filing in your office, the following House Bill:

HOUSE BILL NO. 42.

Entitled:

"An Act to prohibit the sale, exchange or giving of cigarettes, cigars or tobacco in any form to persons under the age of eighteen (18) years in the Territory of Alaska, declaring the violation of this act a misdemeanor and fixing the penalty for such offense."

Respectfully,

Governor

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The Secretary of Alaska,

Juneau, Alaska

Sir:

I have this day approved and signed, and am transmitting herewith, for permanent filing in your office, the following House Bill:

HOUSE BILL NO. 39,

Entitled:

"An Act placing a bounty on eagles and providing for the payment of same."

Respectfully,

Governor

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**THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:**

I have this day approved, signed and transmitted to the Secretary of the Territory, for permanent filing in his office, the following House Bill:

House Bill No. 39.

Entitled:

"An Act placing a bounty on eagles and providing for the payment of same."

Governor

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April 30, 1917

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The Secretary of Alaska,

Juneau, Alaska

Sir:

I have this day approved and signed, and am transmitting herewith, for permanent filing in your office, the following House Bill:

HOUSE BILL NO. 31

"An Act to provide for the erection of cabins and shelter along traveled roads and trails and the equipment of such cabins, making it a crime to remove such cabin or any portion thereof, or any articles contained therein, prescribing the penalty for such offense and declaring an emergency."

Respectfully,

Governor

Enc.

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April 30, 1917

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The Secretary of Alaska,

Juneau, Alaska

Sir:

I have this day approved and signed, and am transmitting herewith, for permanent filing in your office, the following

House Bill:

HOUSE BILL NO. 29,

Entitled:

"An Act amending section six hundred and fifty-eight, Chapter twenty-three, Compiled Laws of the Territory of Alaska, and declaring an emergency."

Respectfully,

Governor

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April 30, 1917

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Captain Frederick Mears,  
Alaskan Engineering Commission,  
Anchorage, Alaska

Dear Captain Mears:

On or about December 9, 1916, one Charles Estmore, I am advised, was committed to Morningside Sanitarium, Portland, Oregon, where the Alaska insane are confined, from Matanuska, where, it is alleged, he was employed in the capacity of engineer or surveyor by the Alaskan Engineering Commission. His wife, who resides in Juneau, informs me that he had a steamer trunk containing papers of various kinds, among which were some relating to a townsite in Kimberley, B. C. These lots, Mrs. Estmore states, have now become more or less valuable, due to mining development in the immediate vicinity of that town, and she is anxious to secure the papers, if possible.

Acting upon my advice, she wrote some time since to Leopold David, United States Commissioner at Anchorage, but has been unable to secure a reply to her inquiry as to the missing trunk. Would it, therefore, be asking too much to cause an investiga-

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tion to be made, if Estmere was in the employ of the Commission, as to what has become of the aforesaid trunk and its contents.

I have also advised Mrs. Estmere to write to Mr. C. W. Hoesman, who I understand is the deputy United States marshal at Anchorage, with the view of obtaining some information through him.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

May 1, 1917.

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The Secretary of Alaska,  
Juneau, Alaska.

Sir:

I have this day approved and signed, and am transmitting to you herewith for permanent filing in your office, the following Senate Bills:

SENATE BILL NO. 7, AS AMENDED

SENATE BILL NO. 21

SENATE BILL NO. 35.

Respectfully,

Governor.

Above Senate Bills received May 1, 1917.

CHARLES E. DAVIDSON,  
Secretary of Alaska,

By \_\_\_\_\_  
CHIEF CLERK.



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MAY 1, 1917

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TO THE SENATE:

I have this day approved, signed and transmitted to the Secretary of the Territory, for permanent filing in his office, the following Senate Bills:

SENATE BILL NO. 7, entitled, "An Act authorizing municipalities to grant franchises."

SENATE BILL NO. 31, entitled, "An Act providing for the organization of cooperative associations in the Territory of Alaska."

SENATE BILL NO. 35, entitled, "An Act to amend Chapter 11 of the 1915 Session Laws of Alaska, entitled 'An Act to provide for local self-government in certain native villages in the Territory of Alaska,' by adding section 5."

Governor

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May 1, 1917.

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The Secretary of Alaska,  
Juneau, Alaska.

Sir:

I have this day approved and signed, and am transmitting to you herewith for permanent filing in your office, the following House Bills:

HOUSE BILL NO. 38,

HOUSE BILL NO. 49,

HOUSE BILL NO. 84.

Respectfully,

Governor.

(Del'd by W.V.S.)

RECEIVED the foregoing House bills May 1, 1917.

CHARLES E. DAVIDSON,  
Secretary of Alaska.

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Chief Clerk.

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April 30, 1917

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Mrs. A. Moshring,

1053 North Mason Ave.,

Chicago, Illinois

Dear Madam:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 17th ultimo, in further reference to the matter of the administration of intestate estates.

The various United States commissioners in the Territory (of whom there are some sixty), are ex-officio probate judges, and as such have jurisdiction over the administration of estates. Undistributed estates are reported by these commissioners to the United States District Attorneys, of whom there are four in the Territory. It is the duty of these Attorneys to take such matters up under the escheat laws of the Territory. The names of the present United States Attorneys are:

James A. Smiser, division No. 1, Juneau  
F. M. Saxton, division No. 2, Nome  
Wm. H. Spence, division No. 3, Valdez  
R. F. Roth, division No. 4, Fairbanks.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

May 1, 1917

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Mr. E. D. Weller,  
601-6 Hutten Building,  
Spokane, Wash.

Dear Sir:

In further reference to your inquiry regarding the whereabouts of Edward Fahy, I beg to advise that this office is informed that his post office address is box 251, Haines, Alaska. The town of Haines is located some eighty miles north of Juneau on Lynn Canal.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

May 1, 1917

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Honorable John R. Tucker,  
United States District Judge,  
Nome, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I am directed by the Governor to acknowledge the receipt of your telegram of the 26th ultimo, advising him of the mailing, on that date, to the treasurer of the Pioneers' Home, two checks totaling \$905.43, to apply on account of care of inmates of the Home from the second division, for the September and December fiscal quarters, 1916.

The Governor wishes me to thank you on behalf of the Board of Trustees of the Pioneers' Home for your assistance in the matter.

Enclosed herewith is a voucher in duplicate, covering the subsistence of fourteen inmates of the Pioneers' Home from the second division, for the fiscal quarter ended March 31, 1917, the total amount of the voucher being \$1196. If you can make any allowance on account of this voucher, your assistance will be appreciated by the Board of Trustees.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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Honorable Charles E. Davidson,  
Secretary of Alaska,  
Juneau, Alaska

My dear Sir:

By direction of the Governor, I beg to transmit herewith the oath of office of John A. Wilson, road commissioner for road district No. 2, for filing in your office.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Enc.

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# TERRITORY OF ALASKA

## GOVERNOR'S OFFICE

JUNEAU

April 27, 1917

Sent to mayors of all  
towns except Juneau and  
Douglas.

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My dear Mr. Mayor:

I have been requested by the directors of the Rocky Mountain Club-Beaver Fund for Relief in Belgium to use my efforts as far as possible in securing subscriptions for the relief of the stricken people of Belgium. Mr. Herbert C. Hoover, as you know, has been in charge of this fund ever since 1914 and he advises that the sum guaranteed for the relief of Belgium failed to meet the requirements by one million dollars monthly, which sum it is believed can be raised in the United States, and now Alaska is urged to contribute her share.

Hitherto we, the most prosperous people in the world, have fallen far short of the example set by other countries, even those staggering under the burden of such a war. America has given us dollars and eight cents per capita against one dollar and 18 cents in Canada, \$2.54 in New Zealand and \$6.25 in Tasmania. According to Mr. Hoover, a million little Belgian children are weak, tubercular and under-nourished, and the million dollars a month for which he pleads will be applied toward supplying one supplementary nourishing meal a day for these children.

The Rocky Mountain Club, as you may know, is a New York club composed mainly of and for western mining men and others who may be visiting New York. I may add that John Hays Hammond, the eminent mining engineer, is President of the Rocky Mountain Club, which has a number of members in Alaska, I myself being an honorary vice president. Mr. Hoover was a prominent member of this Club, and the Club, therefore, believed it its duty to assist him in the noble work of increasing the American contributions for Belgian relief, as it was believed that it is peculiarly the task of the mining profession--a task, by the way, initiated and hitherto largely administered by mining engineers, and for this reason as well as because no industry has profited more by the war than mining, it is urged that it is incumbent on the mining profession and the mining sections of the Territory to give whole-hearted sup-

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part to this cause as far as may be, and hence the obligation is not confined to the recipients of large salaries but is equally binding on wage-earners, each according to his ability to pay.

I have, therefore, to urgently request that you organize in your community a local committee which will endeavor to collect contributions large and small from all who can be made to feel the force of the appeal. One dollar will feed one child for a month. If you will consent to and endeavor to assist in this work, I shall be pleased to act as treasurer of the Fund and will make prompt transmittal of any sum that may be received, to the Rocky Mountain Club-Hoover Belgian Relief Fund, New York, giving due acknowledgment of the sum so transmitted. I am endeavoring to give some little time to this matter, notwithstanding my many duties which press upon me, especially just at this time.

I am also enclosing herewith a number of receipts for your use in transmitting money to me; or, if time would be saved, may I suggest that you transmit your own contributions direct to the following address:

Wm. B. Thompson, Treasurer,  
Rocky Mountain Club-Hoover Fund  
for Relief in Belgium,  
65 West 44th Street,  
New York City

On second thought, I believe this would be the better method; that is, make your contributions direct, as noted above.

I shall greatly appreciate anything that you may be able to do in this work.

I am,

Cordially yours,

May 1, 1917.

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**THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:**

I have today approved and signed, and transmitted to the Secretary of the Territory for permanent filing in his office, the following House Bills:

HOUSE BILL NO. 38, Entitled: "An Act to amend Chapter 48 of the Session Laws of Alaska, 1913, entitled 'An Act to provide for the formation of banking corporations and to regulate the business of banking in the Territory of Alaska, and securing supervision thereof; for the appointment of a Territorial Banking Board, defining its duties and fixing penalties for the violation of this Act.'"

HOUSE BILL NO. 49, Entitled: "An Act to amend Section 1712, Chapter 87, Title 13, of the Compiled Laws of Alaska, relating to the administration of estates, to provide for the disposition of personal property belonging to estates in the absence of heirs or other claimants."

HOUSE BILL NO. 84, Entitled: "An Act to amend Section 324, Chapter 2, of the Compiled Laws of the Territory of Alaska, relating to the establishment and maintenance of schools for white children and children of mixed blood outside of municipalities, and repealing Chapter 59, Session Laws, 1915."

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Juneau, May 1, 1917 C. B., Gov't Night Rate Paid

Baker,  
Secretary of War,  
Washington

Your telegram thirtieth and letter twenty-third ultimo. Am ready carry out instructions registration as soon necessary blanks received and proclamation authorized; but as Alaska has never had militia organization of any kind therefore had no Adjutant General and all details for registrations must be worked out by Governor's office. In fourteen Alaskan coast towns and five interior towns which can be reached by wire, there should be little delay in effecting registration. However, in remote precincts several weeks will be required, and in some cases perhaps several months must elapse. Great bulk population found in towns, although considerable registration should be expected from outside precincts. Advice as to further or additional instructions.

STRONG, Governor

This copy of the telegram is for official (business) and necessary for the public service, and will not bear the delay incident to the mail.

*[Handwritten Signature]*  
Secretary

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Juneau, Alaska, May 1, 1917

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George E. Chamberlain,  
United States Senate,  
Washington

Earnestly recommend appointment Doctor Earl M. Bevis, of  
The Dalles for appointment to medical officers' reserve corps,  
United States Army, as man of ability and excellent character  
in every respect.

STRONG, Governor

I certify that this telegram is on official business, and  
necessary for the public service, and will not bear the delay  
incident to the mail.

  
Secretary

April 26, 1917.

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Honorable Nathan M. Coombs,  
Chairman, House Committee on Ways and Means,  
House of Representatives,  
Juneau, Alaska.

My dear Sir:

In response to your verbal request of this date I beg to submit herewith estimates of appropriations for the fiscal period beginning April 1, 1917, and ending March 31, 1919:

**MINE INSPECTION:** Salary of one mine inspector for period ending March 31, 1919, at the rate of \$3,000 per annum, \$6,000.00. For actual and necessary traveling expenses for period ending March 31, 1919, \$5,000.00. To be expended under the direction of the Governor.

**DEPENDENT CHILDREN:** For court costs under juvenile court laws, care of dependent children, transportation to homes or institutions in the States or elsewhere, the care of children in such institutions, and other expenses incidental to the juvenile court laws and the laws for the care of dependent children, in all \$10,000, to be expended under the direction of the Governor.

**HEALTH AND SANITATION:** For the enforcement of the health and sanitation laws, expense of establishing and maintaining quarantines when ordered by the Territorial commissioner of health, or assistant commissioners of health, in all \$5,000, to be expended under the direction of the Governor.

**COMPULSORY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE:** For court costs, fees and other incidental expenses necessary for the enforcement of the compulsory school attendance act, in all \$2,500, to be expended under the direction of the Governor.

**RELIEF OF DESTITUTION:** For enforcement of Chapter 51, Session Laws of 1913, entitled, "An Act to relieve destitution in the Territory of Alaska," and acts amendatory thereof, \$15,000, to be expended under the direction of the Governor.

**EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION:** For incidental and other expenses in the Territory, not otherwise specifically provided for, to be expended under the direction of the Governor, \$15,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary.

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**EXPENSES OF TERRITORIAL DELEGATES TO NATIONAL AND OTHER CONFERENCES:** For actual and necessary travel and subsistence expenses of delegates appointed by the Governor to represent the Territory at national or other conferences whose deliberations relate to subjects of importance to the Territory as well as to the States, \$2,000; to be expended by the Governor. PROVIDED, that no delegate shall receive any compensation, nor be allowed travel and subsistence expenses beyond a period of thirty days, and that only one delegate shall be named to attend a conference, and that no person shall be twice appointed as delegate in any one year.

**GOVERNOR'S OFFICE:** For clerk hire in the office of the Governor, in connection with Territorial laws, \$6,240.00; janitor and messenger service, to supplement federal appropriations, \$1,200; reimbursement of J. F. A. Strong, for amount of premium paid by him on his official bond as special disbursing agent of the federal appropriation for the expenses of the 1917 session of the Alaska Territorial Legislature, \$40.00; in all, \$7,480.00, to be expended under the direction of the Governor.

The item "Expenses of Territorial delegates to national and other conferences," is fairly self-explanatory, but I may add that it would seem advisable that Alaska should be represented at certain of the national or general conferences, associations, etc., which meet from year to year in the States to consider matters which are not only of vital interest to the country at large, but also to the people of our own Territory; such, for instance, as the National Educational Association meetings, national conferences of Road Associations, and at least a few others. At present there is no fund from which the expenses of delegates may properly be paid. If such a fund is provided, it will frequently be possible to find some qualified Alaskan who is willing to give his or her time free, but who would not be able to personally bear the expense of the trip.

With respect to the estimate for this office, I have to say that I believe the amount of work now being done, and which will continue to increase, warrants appropriation of the amounts asked for clerk hire and for janitor and messenger service. As to the former, the position of stenographer and clerk, which now pays \$1,800 per annum, should pay \$2,100; and provision should also be made for the employment of temporary help when the regular employees are on vacation. I have therefore included \$600 for increased salary of the stenographer and clerk for the 2-year period, and a like amount for temporary employment for the same period. The 1915 appropriation took no account of vacations, and as a result neither my secretary nor the stenographer has had more than an occasional day's vacation during that time. As to the item for janitor and messenger service, to supplement the federal appropriation, I may say that the federal appropriation is only \$1,200 per annum for janitor service for both the governor's office and the executive mansion; an amount manifestly inadequate, as the experience of this office has shown. It is impossible to get the

service at both offices and mission performed in a satisfactory manner for the small sum of \$1,200 per annum. It is, therefore, respectfully urged that the amount asked for, namely, \$1,200 (\$600 per annum) be included in the 1927-1928 appropriation bill.

The 1915 session reimbursed me for the amounts paid as premium on my official bonds as special disbursing agent of the federal appropriation for Legislative Expenses, Territory of Alaska, for the 1913 and 1915 sessions, and I have therefore included the item of \$40 in the above estimate, that being the amount which I have had to pay as premium on my official bond for the disbursement of the legislative appropriation, 1917 session.

Should your Committee wish any further data or information, I shall be pleased to furnish the same.

Faithfully yours,

Governor.

RECORDS ROOM  
COMMISSIONERS

May 1, 1917

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Mr. M. Lickvald,  
Matanuska, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of April 24, with reference to the bill for the organization of cooperative farming and other corporations in Alaska.

In reply I have to advise you that this bill has been passed by both houses of the legislature and today I had the pleasure of approving it, and it will, therefore, become law at the expiration of ninety days from this date.

I trust that this law will be of great assistance to the town of Matanuska and other farming communities who are doing their bit in the development of the agricultural resources of this great Territory.

As soon as this law is printed, I shall forward a number of copies to you.

Yours very truly,

Governor

May 1, 1917

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Captain Frederick Mears,  
Alaskan Engineering Commission,  
Anchorage, Alaska

Dear Captain Mears:

Mr. W. E. Burkett, late sergeant, United States Signal Corps, has made application for employment by the Alaskan Engineering Commission, as superintendent of operation of a district, and has asked me to endorse his application.

In reply I have to advise you that I knew Sergeant Burkett several years ago while he was stationed in Nome. I found him at all times a capable, honest and efficient man, and I have no doubt that if you can make use of his services he will render excellent satisfaction in any position in which he might be placed.

Yours very truly,

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Mr. W. E. Burkett,  
Room 2, Union Station,  
Tacoma, Wash.

My dear Mr. Burkett:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of April 23, together with an application for employment by the Alaskan Engineering Commission, Anchorage, Alaska.

In reply I have to say that I am forwarding the enclosure, together with a letter of recommendation, to Captain Frederick Mears, in charge at Anchorage. A copy of that letter is herewith enclosed.

I trust that you will be able to secure this appointment, and with best wishes, I am

Cordially yours,

Enc.

May 1, 1917

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Mr. W. C. Snook,

Granite Creek, via Anchorage,

Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of April 15, in which you offer your services to the nation in the present war with Germany. I note that you say you are a veteran of the Spanish-American War and also have seen active service in the Michigan National Guard and have been connected with the quartermaster's and commissary departments.

In reply I have to advise you that I am today in receipt of a letter from the Secretary of War, in connection with the registration of men in Alaska liable to service under the law passed last week by Congress. I have not yet received the details, but I expect to in a short time, to receive instructions to register all eligible men in the Territory, and, in all probability, your services will be needed. Of this, however, you will be advised in due course.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

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May 1, 1917

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Dr. Henry Waldo Coo,

516 Selling Building,

Portland, Oregon

My dear Doctor Coo:

I have just received your letter of April 26, enclosing a clipping dealing with the case of the crazy woman Zuckerman against you. It is too bad that you should have been subjected to the expense of contesting a suit of this kind, which, as I know full well, had no merit whatsoever. In fact, I wonder how a baseless suit like this could ever find its way into court. Mrs. Zuckerman is an unmitigated fraud, all the way from Dan to Beersheba, and from Jerusalem to Jericho, not to say Bethlehem to Judaea, of which she probably has read, but never visited. I do recall that when she was in the Iditarod country she told weird yarns about the red blood, or the blue blood, or some other kind of blood that coursed through her veins, but as I knew her to be crazy, I paid little attention to it.

I hope that this is the last that you shall be bothered with Mrs. Z.

Yours very truly,

April 30, 1917

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Mr. John Johnson,

Petersburg, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of April 30, in which you ask that the allowance you are receiving from the Territory be increased, owing to your advanced age and the increased cost of living.

In reply I have to state that at the next meeting of the board, your letter will be submitted for consideration, and, if any action is taken, you will be advised in due course.

Yours very truly,

Governor, Chairman of the Board  
of Trustees, Alaska Pioneers' Home

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May 1, 1917

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Dr. Earl M. Bevis,

The Dalles, Oregon

My dear Doctor Bevis:

The receipt is acknowledged of your telegram of this date, asking me to wire Senator Chamberlain, recommending you for appointment in the medical officers' reserve, United States Army. This I have done as follows:

"Earnestly recommend appointment of Doctor Earl M. Bevis, of the Dalles, for appointment medical officers' reserve corps, United States Army, as a man of ability and excellent character in every respect."

Trusting that you will receive the appointment and with very best wishes, I am,

Cordially yours,

May 1, 1917

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Hon. Arthur G. Shoup, Supt.,  
Alaska Pioneers' Home,  
Sitka, Alaska

My dear Arthur:

I have your letter of April 26, with reference to matters connected with the Home. I note what you say with reference to Miss Delits and trust that she will be discreet in the use of the English language, at least, and I also trust that no one will use offensive language in her presence.

I am glad to know that you will keep an eye on any person who may be the object of suspicion and promptly report anything of a reprehensible nature.

I have just received a letter and telegram from the Secretary of War, advising me to make preparations at once for the registration of all persons in Alaska eligible to military service, and this I shall do just as quickly as possible.

I note what you say as to the rating of Gumble and this is satisfactory to me and, if Doctor Geergeesen approves, arrange the matter accordingly. With reference to the "assistant cook and dishwasher," I note you say we had created a

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new position, but if so, it was done inadvertently, as Shattuck and I both thought you had a woman listed under that title.

A few days ago I placed a duplicate of the order of Mills, with Oak Olson, of the Schwabacher Company, subject to certain reservations in the matter of filling certain articles promptly. I do not anticipate, however, any difficulty in this. I also took up with him the matter of securing quotations on canned goods of various kinds, and as soon as I get these, we will probably order a considerable quantity of canned goods at current prices.

I note that Doctor Johnson and Miss Bristol are to be married on May 1, so we may expect them in Juneau on their honeymoon trip, where I shall probably see them.

Give my regards to Doctor Goddard, and with very best wishes, I am,

Cordially yours,

Governor, Chairman of the Board,  
of Trustees, Alaska Pioneers' Home

Juneau, May 1, 1917      O. B. Gov't Night Rate      Paid

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R. W. Baxter,

Seattle

Your wire thirtieth. Did not see Judge Brown when he passed through Juneau on Mariposa. However, believe it would be possible have guards deputized as marshals without pay. This has been done in this judicial division where United States Marshal was authorized swear in as many deputies as necessary. Advise you take this up with United States Marshal Brenneman, Valdez, asking him to deputize guards named by you. If can be any further service, commend me.

STRONG, Governor

Secretary

Juneau, May 2, 1917. O. B.

Georgeson,

Sitka.

Could not find anyone to send on boat last night. May be able  
get someone by next trip if still wanted. Compensation not very attractive,  
What amount can you guarantee? One or two persons here who have held the position  
claim made less than hundred in a month account not paid for every working day.  
This makes it difficult secure person who is probably competent.

SHORTHILL.

  
Secretary to Governor.

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May 1, 1917

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TO THE SENATE:

I am returning herewith, without my approval, Senate Bill No. 43, a bill for an act entitled:

"An Act to punish the giving, with intent to defraud, of checks or drafts on any bank or other depositories wherein the person so giving such check or draft shall not have any funds or credit for the payment of the same."

Briefly, the purpose of this act is to punish any person or persons who shall draw or utter checks on banks, knowing that they have no funds therein. The bill, however, is of such doubtful construction and so vague and indefinite in its terms as, in my opinion, to render it invalid should it be permitted to become a law. For instance, the fines to be imposed are entirely disproportionate with the terms of imprisonment provided in the bill, in case of nonpayment of such fines.

Governor

Enc.

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May 2, 1917

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Captain H. W. Bunn.

Quartermaster's Department, U. S. A.,

Seattle, Wash.

Sir:

I desire to recommend Mr. Thomas Banbury, of Juneau, Alaska, for a commission in the Officers' Reserve Corps, United States Army. I have known Mr. Banbury for a number of years, and I desire to say that he is honest, energetic and reliable in every way. He has had large experience in the steamship, transportation and freight business, and, in my opinion, his services would be especially valuable in these respects.

Yours very truly,

Governor

May 2, 1917.

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The Secretary of Alaska,  
Juneau, Alaska.

Sir:

I have this day approved and signed, and am transmitting to you herewith for permanent filing in your office, the following House Bill:

HOUSE BILL NO. 4.

Respectfully,

Governor.

RECEIVED House Bill No. 4 from Governor May 2, 1917.

CHARLES E. DAVIDSON,  
Secretary of Alaska

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Chief Clerk.

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May 2, 1917.

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TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

I have this day approved, signed, and on transmitting to the Secretary of the Territory for permanent filing in his office, the following House Bill:

HOUSE BILL NO. 4

Entitled:

"An Act to provide for the maintenance of public schools and high schools in incorporated towns, cities and incorporated school districts in the Territory of Alaska."

Governor.

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May 2, 1917.

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TO THE SENATE:

I have this day approved, signed, and transmitted to the Secretary of the Territory for permanent filing in his office, the following Senate Bills:

SENATE BILL NO. 24, entitled: "An Act providing a Relief Fund for the rescue and relief of persons lost while prospecting, boating, hunting, or otherwise, in the Territory of Alaska, and declaring an emergency therefor."

SENATE BILL NO. 28, entitled: "An Act to define, license and regulate the practice of optometry in the Territory of Alaska and providing penalty for the violation thereof."

SENATE BILL NO. 77, entitled: "An Act to make libel and slander a misdemeanor and to prescribe the punishment therefor."

Governor.

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May 2, 1917.

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The Secretary of Alaska,  
Juneau, Alaska.

Sir:

I have this day approved and signed, and am transmitting to you herewith for permanent filing in your office, the following Senate Bills:

SENATE BILL NO. 26  
SENATE BILL NO. 29  
and SENATE BILL NO. 77.

Respectfully,

Governor.

RECEIVED from the Governor the foregoing Senate bills  
May 2, 1917.

CHARLES E. DAVIDSON,  
Secretary of Alaska,

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Chief Clerk.

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May 2, 1917

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Hon. N. H. Coombs, Chairman,  
House Committee on Appropriations,  
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I am transmitting an unsigned letter from John H. Cobb, former Territorial Counsel, together with a bill for services for the month of December, 1916. The memorandum accompanying explains the bill.

As supplementing the statements contained in the letter and above memorandum, I have to say that when Mr. Cobb discussed this matter with me, shortly before December 1, at which time Mr. Grigsby succeeded Mr. Cobb as Territorial Counsel, I explained to him that that was a matter he should take up with Mr. Grigsby and that any arrangements he might make with him would be satisfactory to me, provided it was equitable.

Yours very truly,

Governor

Enc.

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Hon. M. H. Coombs, Chairman,  
House Committee on Appropriations,  
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Sir:

In pursuance of the provisions of House Joint Resolution No. 11 of the Alaska legislature, session of 1913, which authorized and directed the Governor to select and contract for quarters for the meeting of the present legislature, on January 10 last I called for bids, the following being submitted:

The Goldstein Improvement Co.....	\$2250
J. A. Hollenthal and Simon Hollenthal...	2750
Camp Juneau No. 12, Arctic Brotherhood..	3300

The bid of the Goldstein Improvement Company was accepted, it being explained to Charles Goldstein, President of the Goldstein Improvement Company, that the federal appropriation for this purpose was limited to \$2,000, and that if his bid were accepted, he should enter into a contract for the maximum amount of the appropriation. This was done with the understanding, however, that I should

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place this matter before the legislature, with the view  
of having the legislature make a deficiency appropriation  
which would bring the rental of the quarters provided for  
the legislature up to the maximum amount of the bid of the  
Goldstein Improvement Co.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

May 2, 1917

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Hon. W. H. Coombs, Chairman,  
House Committee on Appropriations,  
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I am advised by Mr. William Britt, President of the Alaska Board of Pharmacy, that a small appropriation will be needed in order to enable the board to render the most efficient service during the next biennium. He also advises me that the sum of \$500 would probably be sufficient. I, therefore, have to recommend that this appropriation be included in the appropriation bill.

Yours very truly,

Governor

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TERRITORY OF ALASKA  
BY THE GOVERNOR

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PROCLAMATION

Whereas the maintenance of a food supply is absolutely essential to national preparedness; and

Whereas the people of this Territory and the United States have cause for grave concern, owing to the depletion of the food reserves of the world through crop shortages of last year, increased demands from the countries engaged in war, and the fact that there is little promise of abundant winter grain crops; and

Whereas, while Alaska is not strictly an agricultural country, still it is well known that our soil is capable of producing many kinds of fruits and vegetables, and especially potatoes may be raised in abundance;

And it is clearly recognized that the man who tills the soil and produces food for his family at home will thus aid in furnishing food for the soldier in the field by decreasing our importations of certain kinds of feedstuffs. A service may, in this way, be rendered as truly patriotic as that given by the man who bears the brunt of battle.

Therefore, in the present crisis a peculiar responsibility rests upon the farming population and citizens generally

of this Territory, and there is imperative need that the people of Alaska shall fully realize the necessity for the largest possible production of farm products during the present year, and every available plot of land should be utilized in the production of feedstuffs;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, J. F. A. STRONG, Governor of the Territory of Alaska, do urge upon the farmers of Alaska, and the citizens of the respective towns, that they recognize this responsibility and their duty to safeguard the welfare of the Territory and the nation in this crisis, and to plant ground and increase the volume of agricultural products and thus lessen the importation of such into the Territory. In this way the development of agriculture will be promoted and thrift increased in a way that will redound to the benefit of all the people.

GIVEN under my hand and the Seal of the Territory of Alaska, in Juneau, the Capital, this second day of May, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and seventeen, and of the independence of the United States the one hundred and forty first.

By the Governor:



Ex officio Secretary of Alaska

May 3, 1917.

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The Secretary of Alaska,

Juneau, Alaska.

Sir:

I have this day approved, signed, and am transmitting to you herewith for permanent filing in your office, the following House Bill:

HOUSE BILL NO. 33

HOUSE BILL NO. 40

HOUSE BILL NO. 46

HOUSE BILL NO. 58

HOUSE BILL NO. 70

HOUSE BILL NO. 75

Respectfully,

Governor.

RECEIVED the foregoing House Bills May 3, 1917.

CHARLES E. DAVIDSON,  
Secretary of Alaska.

(4 encls.)

BY \_\_\_\_\_  
Chief Clerk.

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May 3, 1917.

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The Secretary of Alaska,  
Juneau, Alaska.

Sir:

I have this day approved, signed, and am transmitting to you for permanent filing in your office, the following Senate Bills:

SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL NO. 3

SENATE BILL NO. 9

SENATE BILL NO. 14

SENATE BILL NO. 24

SENATE BILL NO. 52.

Respectfully,

Governor.

(3 encls.)

RECEIVED THE FOREGOING SENATE BILLS MAY 3, 1917.

CHARLES E. DAVIDSON,  
Secretary of Alaska.

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BY \_\_\_\_\_  
CHIEF CLERK.

May 3, 1917.

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**The House of Representatives:**

I have this day approved, signed, and transmitted to the Secretary of the Territory for permanent filing in his office, the following House Bills:

HOUSE BILL NO. 33, entitled: "To amend Sections One, Four and Nine of Chapter 37 of the Alaska Session Laws, 1915, relating to insurance companies doing business in Alaska, and declaring an emergency."

HOUSE BILL NO. 40, entitled: "An Act to amend Chapter 15 of the Session Laws of Alaska 1915, entitled "An Act to amend Section 1476, Chapter 61, Code of Civil Procedure, of the Compiled Laws of Alaska, providing for taking depositions of witnesses within the Territory."

HOUSE BILL NO. 46, entitled: "An Act authorizing the town councils of incorporated towns to confer by ordinance limited jurisdiction in civil cases upon municipal magistrates."

HOUSE BILL NO. 58, entitled: "An Act prohibiting the trespass of any person other than an officer upon lawful business upon any lands or premises in the lawful occupation of another upon which fenses or other furbearing animals are kept in captivity for breeding purposes without first having permission from the owner or caretaker of such fenses or furbearing animals, and constituting such trespass a misdemeanor and providing a penalty for a violation thereof, and that written notices be posted on such lands or premises as hereinafter provided in this Act."

HOUSE BILL NO. 70, entitled: "An Act authorizing the common councils of incorporated towns in the Territory of Alaska to vacate streets and alleyways within their town limits."

HOUSE BILL NO. 75, entitled: "An Act to provide for the procuring and transportation of deer to the Islands of Prince William Sound for purposes of propagation and making an appropriation for such purpose, making it unlawful to kill or molest the same, prescribing a penalty for such offense, and declaring an emergency."

Governor.

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TO THE SENATE:

I have this day approved, signed and transmitted to the Secretary of the Territory, for permanent filing in his office, the following Senate bills:

SENATE BILL NO. 2, entitled, "An Act to provide for the construction, maintenance and protection of public roads, bridges, trails and ferries and property pertaining to public roads in the Territory of Alaska, to provide funds, regulations and penalties; to carry the provisions and purposes of this Act into effect; to provide for the appointment of a Territorial Board of Road Commissioners and defining their duties; to provide for a Board of Divisional Road Commissioners for the first, second, third and fourth judicial divisions in the Territory of Alaska and for other purposes; and declare an emergency."

SENATE BILL NO. 9, entitled, "An Act to amend section 4 of Chapter 50, Session Laws of 1915, entitled 'An Act designating incorporated towns in the Territory of Alaska as incorporated cities of the first class and incorporated cities of the second class; providing for fixing the time of municipal elections by ordinance; providing for the election of a mayor and common council in cities of the first class; providing for the election of city officials in cities of the first class, and repealing all acts and parts of acts in conflict therewith,' approved April 28, 1915, and declaring an emergency."

SENATE BILL NO. 14, entitled, "An Act to accept the grants of land and of money for the benefit of an agricultural college and school of mines for the Territory of Alaska."

SENATE BILL NO. 34, entitled, "For the establishment of citizenship night schools, providing for their organization, designating courses of instruction and making provision for payment of expenses."

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SENATE BILL NO. 53, entitled, "An Act to provide for direct election of National committeemen and delegates and alternates to national conventions."

Governor



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TO THE SENATE:

I have this day approved, signed and transmitted to the Secretary of the Territory, for permanent filing in his office, the following Senate bills:

SENATE BILL NO. 36, entitled, An Act to amend chapter 71 of the 1915 Session Laws of Alaska, entitled 'An Act relating to the measure and recovery of compensation of injured employees in the mining industry of this Territory, and compensation to designated beneficiaries where such injuries result in death, defining and regulating the liability of employers to their employees in connection with such industry, and repealing all acts and parts of acts in conflict with this act.'

SENATE BILL NO. 51, entitled, "An Act to amend subdivision 2 and subdivision 3 of section 594, chapter 16, title XII of the Compiled Laws of Alaska, in relation to the descent of real property."

Governor

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May 3, 1917.

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The Secretary of Alaska,

JUNEAU.

Sir:

I have this day approved, signed, and am transmitting to you herewith for permanent filing in your office the following House Bill:

HOUSE BILL NO. 73.

Respectfully,

Governor.

(1 encl.)

RECEIVED from the Governor the foregoing House Bill

May 3, 1917.

CHARLES E. DAVIDSON,  
Secretary of Alaska.

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Chief Clerk.

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THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

I have this day approved, signed, and transmitted to the Secretary of the Territory for permanent filing in his office, the following House Bill:

HOUSE BILL NO. 73

Entitled:

"An Act to fix the compensation of the Treasurer of Alaska for services rendered the Territory as a member of Territorial Boards."

G e v e r n o r.

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May 3, 1917

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Honorable Charles E. Davidson,  
Secretary of Alaska,  
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Sir:

By direction of the Governor, I transmit herewith a letter from the clerk of the district court at Fairbanks, enclosing approved bond and oath of office of R. R. Douse, of Nenana, together with \$10 in currency to cover the legal fee for the commission.

Will you kindly have a commission prepared for the Governor's signature in due course.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Encs.

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May 3, 1917

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Honorable Charles E. Davidson,  
Secretary of Alaska,  
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Sir:

By direction of the Governor, I transmit herewith the application of Lillian D. Hill, of Fairbanks, for appointment as a notary public, together with her approved bond and oath of office and a postal money order in the sum of ten dollars, payable to the Governor, which has been endorsed to your order.

Will you kindly have a commission prepared for the Governor's signature.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Enc.

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May 3, 1917

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**TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:**

I have this day approved, signed and transmitted to the Secretary of the Territory, for permanent filing in his office, the following House Bills:

HOUSE BILL NO. 51, entitled, "An Act relating to and regulating marriage and marriage license in the Territory of Alaska, and providing penalties for the violation of same."

HOUSE BILL NO. 59, entitled, "An Act defining the rights of locators of mining claims over the waters of any rivers or creeks on which such claims may be staked and the rights of locators of water rights on creeks and rivers in the Territory of Alaska."

HOUSE BILL NO. 65, entitled, "An Act defining legal fences in the Territory of Alaska and the law of damages for trespass on lands legally fenced."

HOUSE BILL NO. 82, entitled, "An Act authorizing the Attorney General of the Territory of Alaska to appear in and assist in the prosecution of crimes and misdemeanors defined by the Territorial legislature."

Governor

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May 3, 1917.

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The Secretary of Alaska,

JUNEAU,

Sir:

I have this day approved and signed, and am transmitting to you herewith for permanent filing in your office, the following House Bills:

HOUSE BILL NO. 51

HOUSE BILL NO. 59

HOUSE BILL NO. 65

HOUSE BILL NO. 82.

Respectfully,

Governor.

(4 encls.)

RECEIVED from the Governor the foregoing House Bills, May  
3, 1917.

CHARLES E. DAVIDSON,  
Secretary of Alaska,

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Chief Clerk.

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To the Senate:

I have this day approved, signed and transmitted to the Secretary of the Territory, for permanent filing in his office, the following Senate Bill:

SENATE BILL NO. 15, entitled, "An Act for the establishment of the Alaska Agricultural College and School of Mines, in accordance with the provisions of the act of Congress approved March 4, 1915, and to grant a charter to the Alaska Agricultural College and School of Mines."

I desire, however, to say that I have approved this bill solely because it provides a means of insuring higher education for the youth of Alaska, and is, therefore, a progressive educational measure. But, on the other hand, I feel that the measure is premature, in that the time is not opportune for the construction of suitable buildings for an institution of this kind. The bill proposes an expenditure of \$30,000 during the present calendar year, presumably in the construction of buildings, etc., but it is submitted that, in view of the lack of ample transportation facilities of the interior and the added fact that the building should be substantial and permanent in character, and the further lack of suitable building material such as cement and brick, it would

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be advisable to defer such construction until building material and supplies of various kinds can be secured at fair prices---something impossible at this time. Unless this be done, it is feared that the total amount of the appropriation will be far from sufficient to construct buildings that would be serviceable and adequate for the purposes for which they are intended.

Another objection is the belief that few students may be expected to be enrolled during the first years of the establishment of the college or until after railroad transportation to the interior is completed. In this connection it is but fair to say that the Fairbanks school board and the Fairbanks Commercial Club, after what is claimed to be a thorough canvass, believe that 150 pupils may be enrolled immediately upon the opening of the college. While this seems to be a rather liberal estimate, it would be probably worth while to open the institution provided one-half of that number of students could be enrolled; but no great increase of population may be expected until the coast has been linked with the interior country by railroad, when students from coast sections might be expected to avail themselves of the opportunity which, no doubt, would be afforded by the proposed institution of learning.

It is also submitted that, unless great care is exercised, the appropriation of \$60,000, authorized by this bill, will be exhausted and the purpose fail of accomplishment.

And this leads me to emphasize the statement that it would be better to delay the work a couple of years than to start an institution of this kind, provided with inadequate buildings and insufficient equipment.

Although I have pointed out the above objections, I do not believe they would justify me in vetoing this bill, in view of the fact that it is a measure of potential importance to the people of the Territory and that it has been approved by a majority of the elected representatives of the people, to whose judgment I feel that I should bow in these circumstances, and for the added fact that I have always been a consistent advocate of the policy of giving to the children of Alaska, who are growing up in the Territory and upon whom the future government of the Territory will devolve, the best educational facilities that can be reasonably provided for them. Moreover, in my judgment, after the institution is ready for the reception of students, it will entail but little or not fixed charges upon the Territory for its maintenance.

Governor

May 3, 1917

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TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

I have this day approved, signed and transmitted to the Secretary of the Territory, for permanent filing in his office, the following House Bill:

HOUSE BILL NO. 88,

Entitled:

"An Act to make appropriations for the expense of the Territory of Alaska for the fiscal year ending December 31, 1917 and for the fiscal year ending December 31, 1918 and for the quarter ending March 31, 1919, and declaring an emergency."

Governor

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May 3, 1917.

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The Secretary of Alaska,  
Juneau, Alaska.

Sir:

I have this day approved, signed, and am transmitting to you herewith for permanent filing in your office, the following Senate Bill:

SENATE BILL NO. 15.

Respectfully,

Governor.

(1 encl.)

RECEIVED the foregoing Senate Bill May 3, 1917.

CHARLES E. DAVIDSON,  
Secretary of Alaska.

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Chief Clerk.

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May 3, 1917

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TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

I have this day approved, signed and transmitted to the Secretary of the Territory, for permanent filing in his office, the following House Bill:

HOUSE BILL NO. 89

Entitled:

"An Act appropriating the sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000) for the defense of the Territory, providing for the expenditure thereof and declaring an emergency."

Governor

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**THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:**

I have this day approved, signed and transmitted to the Secretary of the Territory, for permanent filing in his office, the following House Bill:

**HOUSE BILL NO. 87,**

**Entitled:**

"An Act to amend sections 1 and 2 of chapter 76, Laws of Alaska, 1915, entitled, 'An Act to establish a system of taxation, create revenue and provide for collection thereof for the Territory of Alaska and for other purposes;' and to amend an Act entitled, 'An Act to establish a system of taxation, create revenue and provide for collection thereof for the Territory of Alaska, and for other purposes,' approved May 1, 1913 and declaring an emergency, approved April 29, 1915."

**Governor**

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May 3, 1917

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TO THE SENATE:

I have this day approved, signed and transmitted to the Secretary of the Territory, for permanent filing in his office, the following Senate Bills:

SENATE BILL NO. 18 (HOUSE SUBSTITUTE), entitled, "An Act to authorize the organization, operation, management and regulation of trust companies in the Territory of Alaska; providing penalties for the violation thereof."

SENATE BILL NO. 39, (HOUSE SUBSTITUTE), entitled, "An Act to amend section 1940 of the Compiled Laws of Alaska, relating to the destruction of any boom, wharf, bridge, railway, road or canal in the Territory of Alaska and prescribing the punishment for such offenses."

Governor

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May 3, 1917

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TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

I have this day approved, signed and transmitted to the Secretary of the Territory, for permanent filing in his office, the following House Bill:

HOUSE BILL NO. 54,

Entitled:

"An Act to provide for the purchase of a law library for the use of the Attorney General and other officials and to make an appropriation therefor, and declaring an emergency."

Governor

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May 3, 1917

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**TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:**

I have this day approved, signed and transmitted to the Secretary of the Territory, for permanent filing in his office, the following House Bills:

HOUSE BILL NO. 36, entitled, "An Act to make an appropriation for constructing, repairing and maintaining trails, roads and bridges throughout the Territory of Alaska, and declaring an emergency."

HOUSE BILL NO. 83, entitled, "An Act granting to the United States or the Territory of Alaska the right to have certain judgments of the District Court of the Territory of Alaska in criminal cases reviewed by writ of error."

Governor

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May 3, 1917

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TO THE SENATE:

I have this day approved, signed and transmitted to the Secretary of the Territory, for permanent filing in his office, the following Senate Bills:

SENATE BILL NO. 70, entitled, "An Act to make uniform the laws of partnership."

SENATE BILL NO. 71, entitled, "An Act to make uniform the law relating to limited partnerships."

Governor

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May 3, 1917

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TO THE SENATE:

I have this day approved, signed and transmitted to the Secretary of the Territory, for permanent filing in his office, the following Senate Bills:

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SENATE BILL NO. 3, entitled, "An Act to amend section three and section seven, chapter sixty-four of the Session Laws of Alaska, 1915, entitled, 'An Act to provide allowances for certain residents of Alaska and for other purposes.'"

SENATE BILL NO. 42, entitled, "An Act to provide for the holding of primary elections in the Territory of Alaska, to fix the time and manner of holding the same, to prescribe the qualifications of candidates to be nominated at such elections, and to designate the manner of filing and authenticating their candidacy and for other purposes."

SENATE BILL NO. 84, entitled, "An Act authorizing the Governor of Alaska to maintain a Bureau of Publicity and providing moneys for the conduct of the business thereof."

Governor

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May 3, 1917

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TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

I have this day approved, signed and transmitted to the Secretary of the Territory, for permanent filing in his office, the following House Bill:

HOUSE BILL NO. 2.

Entitled:

"An Act to establish a uniform school system in the Territory of Alaska, to create a Territorial Board of Education and Commissioner of Education, prescribing their power and duties, and fixing their compensation, and repealing all acts, and parts of acts in conflict herewith."

Governor

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May 3, 1917

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**TO THE SENATE:**

I have this day approved, signed and transmitted to the Secretary of the Territory, for permanent filing in his office, the following Senate Bill:

SENATE BILL NO. 58, entitled, "An act to amend chapter 67 of the Session Laws of Alaska, 1915, entitled: 'An Act regulating the method of choosing jurors in criminal and civil causes in the District Court and repealing all acts or parts of acts in conflict herewith,' approved April 29, 1915, and repealing all acts or parts of acts in conflict herewith."

Governor

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May 3, 1917

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TO THE SENATE:

I have this day approved, signed and transmitted to the Secretary of the Territory, for permanent filing in his office, the following Senate Bill:

SENATE BILL NO. 25,

Entitled:

"An Act to preserve the feed supply of Alaska, placing a bounty on certain wild animals and providing for the payment of same."

Governor

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May 3, 1917

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**TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:**

I have this day approved, signed and transmitted to the Secretary of the Territory, for permanent filing in his office, the following House Bills:

HOUSE BILL NO. 67, entitled, "An Act for the preservation of public peace and safety in time of war and for the prevention of sedition and the exciting of ill-feeling or hostility against the government, and for the prevention of the exhibition of disrespect or contempt for the government of the United States of America, or for the flag or for the President, or for certain officers thereof; and to provide penalties for the violation of this act, and for declaring an emergency."

HOUSE BILL NO. 76, entitled, "An Act to provide for the leasing of school lands reserved under the Act of Congress, dated March 4, 1915, chapter 181, section 1, providing a minimum rental therefor, and authorizing the Governor and Secretary of the Territory to formulate rules and regulations."

Governor

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May 3, 1917

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**TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:**

I have this day approved, signed and transmitted to the Secretary of the Territory, for permanent filing in his office, the following House Bills:

HOUSE BILL NO. 26, entitled, "An Act to establish the office of mine inspector; to prescribe the duties, powers, qualifications and compensation thereof; to regulate the operation of mines in the Territory of Alaska; to provide for the health and safety of mine workers in the Territory; to declare the violation of any of the provisions hereof a misdemeanor and prescribing punishment therefor; repealing chapter 72 of the 1913 session laws of Alaska, and chapter 69 of the 1915 Session Laws of Alaska."

HOUSE BILL NO. 67, entitled, "An Act providing for the construction and maintenance of a bridge across the Nisina River, in the Nisina mining district, Chitina recording precinct, at or near Young Creek in the Third Division of the Territory of Alaska, and making an appropriation therefor."

Governor

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May 3, 1917

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**TO THE SENATE:**

I have this day approved, signed and transmitted to the Secretary of the Territory, for permanent filing in his office, the following Senate Bills:

SENATE BILL NO. 13; entitled, "An Act to regulate and limit the hours of employment for all wage and salary earners in the Territory of Alaska, to declare the violation thereof a misdemeanor and to prescribe the punishment therefor."

SENATE BILL NO. 57, entitled, "An Act to create and fix salaries for assistant commissioners of health in each judicial division of the Territory of Alaska."

SENATE BILL NO. 73, entitled, "An Act prescribing the duties of the Attorney General of the Territory in relation to preparing and furnishing the form of official ballots and other forms pertaining to elections."

SENATE BILL NO. 86, entitled, "An Act to authorize the divisional road commission of each road district in Alaska to expend monies appropriated for road purposes in aid of navigation and declaring an emergency."

Governor

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May 3, 1917.

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Honorable O. P. Gaustad,  
Chairman Finance Committee,  
Territorial Senate,  
JUNEAU.

Dear Sir:

With reference to Senate Bill No. 19, a bill for an act entitled "An Act to reimburse Dr. Joseph A. Silverman for services rendered under provisions of Chapter 42 of the Session Laws of 1913, and declaring an emergency," I have to advise you that in my opinion the amount which the bill appropriates is excessive. My reason for so stating is that I am somewhat familiar with the services rendered by Dr. Silverman in the measles epidemic at Kodiak, Afognak and Ouzinkie in the latter part of 1913 and early part of 1914. At that time (in September, 1913) by request of the people of Kodiak I secured the dispatch of the revenue cutter Tahema, I think it was, for the relief of the persons suffering from the epidemic. This relief was rendered by the Revenue Service, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

I am, however, willing to concede that Dr. Silverman may be entitled to some compensation for services rendered, and if the amount of the appropriation is reduced to Six Hundred Dollars I shall approve the bill. The bill in question accompanies this letter.

Respectfully yours,

Governor.

MEMO IN RE: SENATE BILL NO. 19, for relief of Dr. J. A. Silverman.

Upon receipt of the Governor's letter Senator Gaustad conferred with the Governor and suggested that the Governor vote the bill with the understanding that if this were done the Senate would add to the general appropriation bill an item of \$600 for the relief of Dr. Silverman, to meet the suggestion contained in the Governor's letter to Senator Gaustad, attached.

The Governor thereupon vetoed the bill, and it was sent back to the Senate.~~xxx~~

Secretary to Governor.

May 9, 1917

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To the Senate:

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*over*  
I am returning herewith, without my approval, Senate Bill No. 17, a bill for an act entitled, "An Act to reimburse Doctor Joseph A. Silverman for services rendered under the provisions of chapter 42, session laws of 1913, and declaring an emergency."

My reason for returning this bill without approval is that, in my opinion, the amount which the bill appropriates is excessive. I may add that I am somewhat familiar with the services rendered by Doctor Silverman in the measles epidemic at Kodiak and Afognak and Ouzinkie in the latter part of 1913 and the early part of 1914. In September 1913, by request of the people of Kodiak, I secured the dispatch of a United States revenue cutter from Seattle to Kodiak with supplies and medicines for the relief of persons suffering from the epidemic. This relief was rendered by the revenue cutter to the best of my knowledge and belief. I have to add further that during the period that Doctor Silverman claims to have rendered these services, he was employed in the public schools at Kodiak at a salary of \$125 per month, or a total of \$1125 for the school year.

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I would have approved the bill had it carried an ap-  
propriation of, say, not more than \$600.

Governor

May 4, 1917

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Captain George Irving,

Juneau, Alaska

My dear Captain Irving:

Many thanks for the use of your office during last night and this morning. You may rest assured that your un-failing courtesy is greatly appreciated, as your comfortable office rendered what might have been a most unpleasant evening somewhat comfortable. When I see you, I shall personally avail myself of the opportunity of thanking you for your kindness.

I am,

Cordially yours,

Governer

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May 4, 1917

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Mr. Andrew Berg,

Kenai, Alaska

My dear Mr. Berg:

I am in receipt of your letter of April 10, with reference to the tax on fish traps.

As you know, this is a tax levied by the Territorial legislature, and this office is not responsible for it. I can readily understand, however, that in a case like your own, it no doubt works a hardship, and under the system the corporation probably does get the best of it inasmuch as the cannery companies secure, as a rule, the best trap sites. This is an industry that the poor man should be encouraged to develop and no unnecessary handicaps should be placed upon him, and he certainly should not be taxed, if, as you say, he can hardly make a living from his trap, but, inasmuch as you are operating a trap that comes under the law, I do not believe that you can escape the tax. I would suggest, however, that you write the Territorial Treasurer, Juneau, with a complete explanation of your case.

I am,

Yours very truly,

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Governor

May 4, 1917

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Mr. William E. Wood,

Medical Dept., U. S. A.,

Fort Gibbon, Alaska

My dear Wood:

I have your letter of April 10, with reference to the organization of an Alaska regiment or squadron or both, which you suggest should be organized and then tendered to the United States for service.

In reply I have to state that under the selective draft bill now before Congress, the young men of Alaska between certain ages will be enrolled for service, without doubt. I have received a letter and received telegrams from the Secretary of War in this connection, and I expect, in a few days, to complete plans for the enrollment of those who come within the purview of the law in the several precincts. Until this is done, the question of an Alaska regiment, such as you suggest, must be deferred, but it may be taken up later, if it is considered that the enrollment of a regiment is practicable.

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