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JOINT RESOLUTION

Protesting the proposed increase in freight rates by the Alaska Steamship Company.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

WHEREAS the Alaska Steamship Company has announced increased tariffs on shipments to Southeast Alaska effective April 8, and on shipments to Bristol Bay and Northwest Alaska effective April 1; and

WHEREAS the proposed higher tariffs have been filed with the Federal Maritime Commission for its review and action; and

WHEREAS this latest attempt at tariff increases is typical of the historical effort of the Alaska Steamship Company to repeatedly take advantage of its dominant position in sea commerce to and from Alaska to strengthen its stranglehold on the Alaskan economy; and

WHEREAS it is especially important to note that the proposed increase in tariffs affects those routes on which the Alaska Steamship Company has a virtual monopoly; and

WHEREAS the State of Alaska, having prevailed in a fight over a similar attempt to hike the tariffs for Western Alaska,

must now return to do battle against equally unwarranted attempts to further hinder the growth and development of the state's economy by a monopolistic carrier;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the State of Alaska protests the proposal of the Alaska Steamship Company to further again increase tariffs on shipments to Southeast, Bristol Bay and Northwest Alaska and respectfully and urgently requests the Federal Maritime Commission to permanently suspend the proposed tariff increases of the Alaska Steamship Company; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Governor and Attorney General of the State of Alaska are urged to intervene as parties in any proceedings before the Federal Maritime Commission and to vigorously protest the proposed tariff increases.

COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Lyndon B. Johnson, President of the United States; the Honorable Oren Harris, Chairman, House Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee; the Honorable Warren G. Magnuson, Senate Commerce Committee; the Honorable John Harllee, Chairman, Federal Maritime Commission; and to the Honorable E. L. Bartlett and the Honorable Ernest Gruening, U. S. Senators, and the Honorable Ralph J. Rivers, U. S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.