

IN THE HOUSE

BY THE COMMERCE COMMITTEE

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 17

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

FOURTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

Relating to shipping restrictions affecting the Alaska and British Columbia ferries.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

WHEREAS the ocean ferries of Alaska and British Columbia serve as extensions of highways and should be open to the same usage as the highways they connect; and

WHEREAS United States truckers are effectively prevented by sec. 27 of the Jones Act, 46 USC sec. 883, from carrying United States merchandise destined for Alaska on Canadian ferries and Canadian truckers are prevented by sec. 671 of the Canada Shipping Act from carrying Canadian merchandise destined for British Columbia or Yukon points on United States ferries;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Congress of the United States and the Canadian Parliament are urged to amend sec. 27 of the Jones Act and sec. 671 of the Canada Shipping Act, respectively, to remove restrictions on the movement of merchandise in highway vehicles on Alaska and British Columbia ferries.

COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Lyndon B. Johnson, President of the United States; the Honorable Lester Pearson, Prime Minister of Canada; the Honorable W.A.C. Bennett, Premier of British Columbia, the Honorable Carl Hayden, President Pro Tempore of the Senate; the Honorable John W. McCormack, Speaker of the House; and to the Honorable E. L. Bartlett and the Honorable Ernest Gruening, United States

Senators, and the Honorable Ralph J. Rivers, United States
Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.