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JOINT RESOLUTION

Relating to mail service by ship between Kodiak and Nikolski, Alaska.

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

WHEREAS under 39 USC 487(c), passed in 1939, the Postmaster General was authorized to provide for the carriage of all classes of mail by ship between Kodiak, Alaska and Nikolski, Alaska, including service to intermediate points; and

WHEREAS this service not only resulted in regular mail delivery to Nikolski and many of the small isolated communities on the Alaska Peninsula and the Aleutian Chain, but also provided a means whereby the residents of these communities could receive shipments at reasonable freight rates, as well as scheduled transportation between communities and to central Alaska; and

WHEREAS as a result of the general revision of Title 39 of the United States Code in 1960, the 1939 Act was repealed and replaced by 39 USC 6101, which leaves all mail transportation services and arrangements within the states to the broad discretion of the Postmaster General; and

WHEREAS after the enactment of 39 USC 6101, mail service

by ship between Kodiak and Nikolski and intermediate points was discontinued; and

WHEREAS mail and freight service to Nikolski and the small communities and settlements on the Alaska Peninsula and the Aleutian Chain are now provided solely by air with the result that mail delivery, being subject to the hazards of the weather, is erratic; freight capacity is limited; and freight charges prohibitively high;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Postmaster General of the United States is respectfully urged to reinstitute immediately mail service by ship between Kodiak and Nikolski and that this service be similar to that formerly provided under the 1939 Act.

COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Lawrence F. O'Brien, Postmaster General of the United States; 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.