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## JOINT RESOLUTION

Relating to telephone rates in Alaska and requesting a study of the rate structure of the Alaska Communications System.

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

WHEREAS the rates for long-distance telephone service to and from Alaska, via the Alaska Communications System, have recently been increased even though already unduly expensive; and

WHEREAS since 1964 there have been negotiations and suggested solutions which held the promise of lower tariffs; and

WHEREAS the recent increase in rates appears to be particularly unwarranted and is particularly distressing in view of the general reductions in long-distance telephone rates effected for the rest of the United States in the past few years; and

WHEREAS each successive rate increase compounds the adverse effect which excessive telephone charges have on the economy and welfare of the state;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the State of Alaska strenuously protests the recent increase in Alaska telephone rates and urges the Department of the Air Force to conduct a comprehensive study of the rate structure of the Alaska Communications

System with particular attention to possible means of providing communications service to Alaska at reasonable rates.

COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Robert S. McNamara, Secretary of Defense; the Honorable Harold Brown, Secretary of the Air Force; 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.