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JOINT RESOLUTION

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

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

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; and

WHEREAS transportation of merchandise via the Alaska and British Columbia ferries provides an important and expedient route for shipment of goods to the State of Alaska from its sister states and for shipments of Canadian merchandise to British Columbia or Yukon points; and

WHEREAS the State of Alaska is the only state in the Union having a foreign nation separating it from the rest of the Nation; and

WHEREAS application of the prohibitions of the Jones Act and the Canada Shipping Act to the State of Alaska in its unique circumstances poses an inequitable obstacle to the economic development of the state; and

WHEREAS legislation has been introduced into the Senate of the United States to remove obstacles to the use of Canadian carriers for shipments to the State of Alaska;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Congress of the United States is respectfully urged to enact Senate Bill 292 amending sec. 27 of the Jones Act and the Canadian Parliament is respectfully urged to amend sec. 671 of the Canada Shipping Act, respectively, in order 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 of Representatives; and to the Honorable E. L. Bartlett and the Honorable Ernest Gruening, United States Senators, and the Honorable Howard W. Pollock, United States Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.