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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 38

Relating to the proposed new pattern of air services for Alaska:

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

WHEREAS a Civil Aeronautics Board examiner has recently recommended drastic changes in the pattern of air services for Alaska; and

WHEREAS, if adopted by the board, Pan American, the pioneer carrier in service to Alaska, would lose all rights to operate in Alaska, and Western Airlines would be removed from all except a Seattle-Anchorage-Honolulu route; and

WHEREAS the net result of these recommendations would be to completely eliminate any competitive air service operations in Southeast Alaska and also adversely affect the level of service to Fairbanks now provided by Pan American; and

WHEREAS the Civil Aeronautics Board has ordered a review of these recommendations made by its hearing examiner; and

WHEREAS there appears to be no overriding logic attached to the examiners recommendations and it is generally a fact that the result of competition is improved service at more reasonable rates;

BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska Legislature that it strongly opposes the recommendations embodied in the Civil Aeronautics Board examiners report and urgently requests the Governor to take all appropriate and immediate action to appeal to the Civil Aeronautics Board the decision of the examiner as not being in the best interests of Alaska; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Civil Aeronautics Board is urgently requested to reject the recommendations of its hearing examiner and to not approve any air transportation policy that would create a monopoly for any one air carrier in any area of the state, or that would reduce service to any area of the state to a lower level than it currently receives.

COPIES of this Resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Secor D. Browne, Chairman, Civil Aeronautics Board; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Mike Gravel, U. S. Senators, and the Honorable Nick Begich, U. S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.