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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 6

Relating to the proposed freight rate increase proposed by the Alaska Railroad and Sea-Land Incorporated.

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

WHEREAS the Alaska Railroad and Sea-Land Incorporated recently announced a 15 per cent freight rate hike; and

WHEREAS justification for such a rate increase has not been forthcoming from the Alaska Railroad or Sea-Land Incorporated; and

WHEREAS any increase in freight rates would only add to the spiraling inflation in Alaska and have a devastating effect on the Alaskan economy; and

WHEREAS it is of the utmost importance that private business, labor and government all act prudently in an effort to curb inflation; and

WHEREAS the Interstate Commerce Commission appellate "suspension board" has suspended the price increase by the Alaska Railroad for a period of seven months, thus effectively suspending Sea-Land's proposed increase in rates also;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska Legislature respectfully requests the "suspension board" of the Interstate Commerce Commission to investigate the proposed freight rate increase in the most thorough manner possible and if the railroad's request is unjustifiable or unreasonable in any respect, the Commission is respectfully requested to make the temporary suspension permanent.

COPIES of this Resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Richard M. Nixon, President of the United States; the Honorable

John H. Volpe, Secretary, Department of Transportation; the Honorable Virginia Mae Brown, Chairman, Interstate Commerce Commission; 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.