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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 65

Relating to the national postal service crisis.

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

Congress in 1970 abolished the traditional U.S. Post Office Department and replaced it with an independent agency called the U.S. Postal Service. The change was intended to remove the postal service from the taint of politics, introduce businesslike procedures, and provide the Nation with an economic and efficient service that would pay its way. The result has been near-disaster. The traditional postal services have nearly disappeared and the price of service has skyrocketed. The Postmaster General promises us more cuts in service and higher postage rates and calls for federal subsidies. The postal service crisis calls out for immediate attention.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Legislature of the State of Alaska that the Congress is earnestly requested to reassume its responsibilities for providing the Nation with a basic postal service system, to give priority attention be given to an assessment of the role of the federal government in providing a postal service in keeping with the national interest and to move expeditiously to implement the suggested system.

COPIES of this resolution to be sent to the Honorable Gerald Ford, President of the United States, the Honorable Benjamin Bailar, Postmaster General, Mr. Henry Pratt, the Honorable Gale McGee, Chairman, U. S. Senate Post Office and Civil Service Committee, the Honorable David Henderson, Chairman, U. S. House of Representatives Committee on Post Office and Civil Service; and the Honorable Mike Gravel, the Honorable Ted Stevens, and the Honorable Don Young, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress, and Mr. Ivan Hanson, District Manager, U. S. Postal Service.