

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 42

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

NINETEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY THE HOUSE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

Introduced: 4/7/95

Referred: Transportation

A RESOLUTION

1 **Relating to regulation of water carriers serving Alaska.**

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

3 **WHEREAS** the federal government is considering legislation that would repeal the
4 existing authority of the Interstate Commerce Commission to regulate water carriers
5 transporting property between the 48 contiguous states and Alaska; and

6 **WHEREAS** Alaska is uniquely dependent on water transportation, in that virtually
7 everything that Alaskans eat, drink, wear, or use comes into the State of Alaska by ship or
8 barge; and

9 **WHEREAS** the citizens of the State of Alaska have expressed their desire to preserve
10 tariff filing and the other essential elements of the current system of regulating water carriers
11 serving Alaska; and

12 **WHEREAS**, if the Interstate Commerce Commission is abolished, and if there is no
13 other forum for shipper complaints, the citizens of the State of Alaska may have no place to
14 present and resolve complaints about water carriers serving Alaska; and

15 **WHEREAS** water transportation to Alaska is an area where there is a clear need and
16 necessary role for the federal government; and

17 **WHEREAS** the Interstate Commerce Commission has provided regulation that has not

1 been overly intrusive, but has assured fairness and provided a forum for shipper complaints;
2 **BE IT RESOLVED** by the Alaska State Legislature that the Governor of the State of
3 Alaska, in consultation and cooperation with the members of the Alaska delegation in the
4 United States Congress, are respectfully requested to endorse and actively support efforts to
5 transfer the current regulatory system for water transportation between Alaska and the 48
6 contiguous states from the Interstate Commerce Commission to the United States Department
7 of Transportation.

8 **COPIES** of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Bill Clinton, President of the
9 United States; the Honorable Al Gore, Jr., Vice-President of the United States and President
10 of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable Strom Thurmond, President Pro Tempore of the U.S.
11 Senate; the Honorable Newt Gingrich, Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives; and to
12 the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Frank Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and the
13 Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.