

**HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 41**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTIETH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

**BY REPRESENTATIVE GREEN**

**Introduced: 5/10/97**

**Referred: Transportation**

**A RESOLUTION**

**1 Supporting an exemption from the Jones Act for the shipment of bulk  
2 commodities produced in Alaska.**

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

**4 WHEREAS** 46 U.S.C. Appx. 861 - 889 (Merchant Marine Act of 1920), commonly  
**5** known as the Jones Act, requires that seaborne shipping between United States ports be done  
**6** on vessels that have been constructed in the United States and that are crewed by United  
**7** States crews; and

**8 WHEREAS** a number of bulk commodities are produced, extracted, and harvested in  
**9** Alaska; and

**10 WHEREAS** potential markets for Alaska bulk commodities, including coal, ore, and  
**11** logs, exist on the west coast of the United States and in Hawaii; and

**12 WHEREAS** the Jones Act bulk carrier fleet does not provide a level of service in  
**13** Alaska that facilitates the movement of bulk commodities at competitive prices; and

**14 WHEREAS** non-Jones Act shipping rates are substantially lower than Jones Act rates,  
**15** making the total delivered cost of foreign commodities significantly lower than those from  
**16** Alaska; and

1           **WHEREAS** it is the desire of the State of Alaska under AS 44.19.035 to persuade the  
2 Congress to repeal the Jones Act;

3           **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature opposes the application of the  
4 Jones Act to the shipment of bulk commodities that are produced in the state, because of the  
5 Act's detrimental effect on Alaska commerce; and be it

6           **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests the  
7 Congress to pass legislation exempting the shipment of Alaska bulk commodities from  
8 provisions of the Jones Act.

9           **COPIES** of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Bill Clinton, President of the  
10 United States; the Honorable Al Gore, Jr., Vice-President of the United States and President  
11 of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable Rodney E. Slater, Secretary of the U.S. Department of  
12 Transportation; the Honorable Newt Gingrich, Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives;  
13 the Honorable Trent Lott, Majority Leader of the U.S. Senate; and to the Honorable Ted  
14 Stevens and the Honorable Frank Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young,  
15 U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.