

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 5

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY REPRESENTATIVE KNOPP

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A RESOLUTION

Urging the House of Representatives to adopt a policy for per diem paid to its members based on the United States Department of Defense federal flat rate per diem schedule.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

WHEREAS the State of Alaska is in a fiscal crisis that requires all branches of government to identify savings to reduce the budget deficit; and

WHEREAS members of the House of Representatives who do not reside in Juneau are paid session per diem at the full federal per diem rate, and members of the House of Representatives who reside in Juneau are paid session per diem at 75 percent of the full federal per diem rate; and

WHEREAS the House of Representatives could achieve savings by reducing per diem of its members and calculating per diem based on the United States Department of Defense federal flat rate per diem schedule; and

WHEREAS paying per diem to members of the House of Representatives who do not reside in Juneau at the full federal per diem rate for the first 30 days of each regular session, reducing the per diem to the federal long-term per diem rate for the remainder of each regular session, and paying members of the House of Representatives who reside in Juneau 75

1 percent of the per diem paid to members of the House of Representatives who do not reside in
2 Juneau would achieve savings and not create a hardship for members of the House of
3 Representatives; and

4 **WHEREAS**, for a special session, the per diem paid to members of the House of
5 Representatives who do not reside in the location of the special session should remain at the
6 full federal per diem rate, and the per diem paid to members of the House of Representatives
7 who reside in the location of the special session should be 75 percent of the full federal per
8 diem rate;

9 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the House of Representatives urges its members to adopt a
10 policy based on the United States Department of Defense federal flat rate per diem schedule
11 and providing that members of the House of Representatives who do not reside in Juneau be
12 paid at the full federal per diem rate for the first 30 days of each regular session and, for the
13 remainder of each regular session, at 75 percent of the full federal per diem rate; and be it

14 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the House of Representatives urges its members to
15 adopt a policy providing that members of the House of Representatives who reside in Juneau
16 be paid 75 percent of the amount of per diem paid to members who do not reside in Juneau;
17 and be it

18 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the House of Representatives urges its members to
19 adopt a policy providing that, for a special session, special session per diem claimed by
20 members of the House of Representatives who do not reside in the location of the special
21 session be paid at the full federal per diem rate and, that members of the House of
22 Representatives who reside in the location of the special session, be paid at 75 percent of the
23 full federal per diem rate.