

1 IN THE HOUSE

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HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 36

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE TERRITORY OF ALASKA

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TWENTY-FIRST SESSION

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TO THE DELEGATE TO CONGRESS FROM ALASKA; AND TO THE POSTMASTER

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GENERAL OF THE UNITED STATES:

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Your Memorialist, the Legislature of the Territory of

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Alaska, in Twenty-first Regular Session assembled, respectfully

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represents:

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WHEREAS, communities and towns in Southeastern Alaska, such

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as Sitka, Hoonah, Tenakee, Angoon, Skagway and Haines, and like

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communities and towns along the Alaska Peninsula, now receive

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parcel post mail by air; and

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WHEREAS, airplanes, in carrying parcel post, are limited to

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packages of one hundred inches combines length and girth, which

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results in large quantities of mail being piled up at

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distribution points, such as Juneau and Seward, until an

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infrequent surface ship, which has enough freight to justify a

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trip, sails for those areas; and

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WHEREAS, surface ships, which can carry all parcel post,

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regardless of size, cannot financially maintain schedules of

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sailings to these smaller areas without the advantage of mail

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contracts; and

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WHEREAS, the residents of those communities and towns

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prefer that mail boat contracts be resumed in order that mail

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can be received without delays, amounting to months in some

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cases, and in order that food and other freight, the cost of

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shipment of which by air is prohibitive, may be received on more

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frequent occasions; and

1       WHEREAS, the present system of utilizing airplanes, to the  
2 exclusion of surface ships, in carrying mail to those smaller  
3 areas in Alaska, is extremely detrimental to the growth and  
4 prosperity of those areas;

5       NOW (THEREFORE, your Memorialist prays that mail boat  
6 contracts to communities and towns in Southeastern Alaska, such  
7 as Sitka, Hoonah, Tenakee, Angoon, Skagway and Haines, and to  
8 like communities and towns along the Alaska Peninsula, be  
9 resumed as soon as possible, in preference to the carrying of  
10 mail to those areas by air.

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