

1 IN THE HOUSE

MR. COGHILL

2 HOUSE MEMORIAL NO. 7

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE TERRITORY OF ALASKA

4 TWENTY-FIRST SESSION

5 TO THE HONORABLE DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED
6 STATES; TO THE HONORABLE DOUGLAS MCKAY, SECRETARY OF THE
7 INTERIOR; TO SENATOR EDWARD J. THYE, CHAIRMAN OF THE SENATE
8 SMALL BUSINESS COMMITTEE; TO SENATOR CHARLES W. TOBEY, CHAIR-
9 MAN OF THE SENATE INTERSTATE AND FOREIGN COMMERCE COMMITTEE,
10 AND TO THE MEMBERS OF THE CIVIL AERONAUTICS BOARD:

11 Your Memorialist, the House of Representatives of the
12 Territory of Alaska, in Twenty-first Session assembled,
13 respectfully represents:

14 WHEREAS, non-scheduled airlines flying to and within the
15 Territory of Alaska provide a vital and necessary service to
16 the growth and well-being of the Territory; and

17 WHEREAS, alternative means of transportation common in the
18 states, such as railroads and truck lines either do not exist
19 in Alaska or serve only limited areas; and

20 WHEREAS, non-scheduled airlines first proved the possi-
21 bility of air freight to Alaska with resulting lower rates;
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23 WHEREAS, the President of the United States, in the light
24 of long range requirements and planning, in May, 1951, requested
25 the Civil Aeronautics Board to initiate and carry forward to
26 completion as promptly as possible a study to develop a pro-
27 posed plan for the continuance of air transport services to
28 Alaska of the character and extent needed to meet the require-
29 ments of Alaska and of the national interest; and he further

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1 requested that the study be completed in time to be used
2 effectively in considering the question of extension or renewal
3 of certificates for United States-Alaska service; and

4 WHEREAS, hearings are presently scheduled for the purpose
5 of taking testimony before the Civil Aeronautics Board, be-
6 ginning June 15, 1953, in what is known as the United States-
7 Alaska case, in which several independent air carriers have
8 applications pending for approval by the Board; and

9 WHEREAS, the Civil Aeronautics Board has initiated and is
10 conducting an investigation for the purpose of determining
11 whether there is a need for air transportation services by
12 the non-scheduled carriers and, if so, what type of services
13 would be best adapted to the performance of the service required
14 to meet such need, including geographical distribution, types
15 of traffic to be carried, frequency and degree of irregularity
16 of flights, and the public interest in these matters; and

17 WHEREAS, there was from time to time some twenty-five
18 non-scheduled airlines serving the Territory, most of which
19 have now ceased operations due to unreasonable and unnecessary
20 restrictions imposed on their operations by the Civil Aero-
21 nautics Board; and

22 WHEREAS, on July 5, 1950, and August 31, 1950, two of these
23 non-scheduled airlines; namely, Mount McKinley Airlines and
24 Golden North Airways were forced to discontinue business by
25 order of the Civil Aeronautics Board; and

26 WHEREAS, Air Transport Associates, Inc., the non-scheduled
27 air carrier which now performs the greater part of all non-
28 scheduled service to Alaska has had its operating authority
29 revoked by the Civil Aeronautics Board and can continue its

1 operations only if the Supreme Court of the United States
2 decides early in March to review the case; and

3 WHEREAS, it is believed that affirmative action should
4 now be taken by this body to secure the continuance of this
5 carrier in business rather than to await an inquest by the
6 Civil Aeronautics Board at some later date after this last
7 non-scheduled air carrier has been eliminated from air trans-
8 portation to Alaska;

9 NOW THEREFORE, Your Memorialist, the House of Representa-
10 tives of the Territory of Alaska in Twenty-first Session
11 assembled respectfully urges that the Civil Aeronautics Board
12 be requested to defer its revocation of the operating authority
13 of Air Transport Associates, Inc. until studies of the re-
14 quirements for air service to Alaska as directed by the
15 President, and Board's investigation of the need for trans-
16 portation to Alaska by irregular air carriers has been com-
17 pleted; and that the Civil Aeronautics Board be advised of the
18 urgent necessity of maintaining services provided by this and
19 other non-scheduled air lines to the Territory of Alaska.

20 AND YOUR MEMORIALIST WILL EVER PRAY.

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