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2 HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL 7/3

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE TERRITORY OF ALASKA

4 TWENTY-SECOND SESSION

5 TO THE HONORABLE DOUGLAS MCKAY, SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR; THE
6 HONORABLE B. FRANK HEINTZLEMAN, GOVERNOR OF ALASKA; THE HONORABLE
7 E. L. BARTLETT, DELEGATE TO CONGRESS FROM ALASKA; AND TO THE
8 CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES;

9 YOUR MEMORIALIST, the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska
10 in Twenty-second Session assembled, respectfully submits that:

11 WHEREAS, the economic development of the Territory of
12 Alaska has been severely handicapped by the high costs of
13 transporting virtually all of its materials and supplies into
14 the Territory and of its own products out of the Territory;

15 WHEREAS, the costs of railroad transportation within the
16 continental United States represent a substantial part of the
17 total transportation bill;

18 WHEREAS, the American railroads penalize the Territory of
19 Alaska by charging higher rates on freight moving to the
20 Northwest ports for shipment by vessel to Alaska than they do if
21 the shipment is going to the Territory of Hawaii or foreign
22 countries in the Pacific. This penalty is as much as 100% in
23 some cases. The same penalties exist on shipments of Alaskan
24 products into the continental United States;

25 WHEREAS, the Administrator of General Services has filed a
26 complaint with the Interstate Commerce Commission, which requests
27 that Commission to require the railroads to discontinue this
28 grievous practice;

29 WHEREAS, the relief sought by the Administrator of General

1 Services on behalf of the Federal Government as a shipper would
2 greatly assist commercial and other interests in Alaska and
3 thereby benefit its whole economy.

4 NOW THEREFORE, your Memorialist, the Legislature of the
5 Territory of Alaska, respectfully requests that the attention
6 of the Congress of the United States be directed through the
7 Delegate from Alaska, E. L. Bertlett, to support the efforts of
8 the Administrator of General Services so as to assure the
9 vigorous prosecution of this complaint to a successful conclusion,
10 and to this end to request holding of hearings within the
11 Territory of Alaska so as to permit the Alaskan community and
12 commercial interests of the Territory an opportunity to be heard.

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