

1 IN THE HOUSE

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HOUSE MEMORIAL NO. 6

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE TERRITORY OF ALASKA

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TWENTY-THIRD SESSION

5 TO THE HONORABLE WAINO HENDRICKSON, ACTING GOVERNOR OF ALASKA; THE  
6 HONORABLE SINCLAIR WEEKS, SECRETARY OF COMMERCE; AND THE HONORABLE  
7 IRVING REED, TERRITORIAL HIGHWAY ENGINEER.

8 Your Memorialist, the House of Representatives of the Legis-  
9 lature of the Territory of Alaska in Twenty-third Regular Session  
10 assembled respectfully submits that:

11 WHEREAS, at the present time the entire region of Southeast  
12 Alaska is without an integrated surface transportation system; and

13 WHEREAS, because of the topography of this region, virtually  
14 all of its towns and villages are separated by mountains and by  
15 bodies of water, and it would be highly impractical if not  
16 impossible to connect them with roads; and

17 WHEREAS, a ferry system would offer the only feasible means  
18 of establishing a surface transportation system; and

19 WHEREAS, the question of the cost of constructing an  
20 integrated ferry system versus the cost of constructing a poten-  
21 tial road system to accomplish a connection with the states would  
22 be resolved overwhelmingly in favor of a ferry system, and the  
23 annual cost of maintaining a ferry system would amount to consider-  
24 ably less than the cost of maintaining a road of similar length;  
25 and

26 WHEREAS, without such ferry system Southeast Alaska will not  
27 benefit under the Federal Highway-Aid Program; and

28 WHEREAS, said proposed ferry system would provide a link  
29 with Prince Rupert, British Columbia, and would give many

1 thousands of automobile owners in Southeastern Alaska the  
2 opportunity to drive to the states; and

3 WHEREAS, more and more of the American public has turned to  
4 the automobile as a means of transportation for vacationing, and  
5 the proposed ferry system would establish a circular surface  
6 route that does not now exist, permitting surface travel from  
7 Prince Rupert, British Columbia, to Haines, Alaska, and the Alcan  
8 highway; and

9 WHEREAS, the Alaska Inside Passage has been publicized con-  
10 siderably and attracts a tremendous number of tourists each year,  
11 even more tourists would be attracted to and would visit Southeast  
12 Alaska if a linking ferry system were established,

13 NOW THEREFORE, your Memorialist, the House of Representatives  
14 of the Territory of Alaska, in regular session of the Twenty-  
15 third Legislature assembled, respectfully urges that the proposed  
16 integrated Ferry System between Prince Rupert, British Columbia,  
17 and Haines, Alaska be designated as a portion of the highway  
18 system under the Federal Highway-Aid Program and that the estab-  
19 lishment of the ferry system be given a high priority as part of  
20 said program.

21 AND YOUR MEMORIALIST WILL EVER PRAY.

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