

1 IN THE HOUSE

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2 HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 40

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 FIRST LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 TO THE HONORABLE E. L. BARTLETT AND THE HONORABLE E. A. GRUENING,  
6 SENATORS FROM THE STATE OF ALASKA; AND TO THE HONORABLE RALPH J.  
7 RIVERS, REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE STATE OF ALASKA:

8 Your Memorialist, the First Legislature of the State of  
9 Alaska, in Second Session assembled, respectfully represents:

10 WHEREAS, the military forces stationed in Alaska provide  
11 large commissary and post exchange facilities for their personnel,  
12 both military and dependents thereof; and

13 WHEREAS, such post exchange and commissary facilities play  
14 a large part in the economy of the state because of the high  
15 proportion of military personnel residing in Alaska; and

16 WHEREAS, the produce and products sold in such commissaries  
17 and post exchanges are in large measure not purchased in Alaska  
18 but are shipped from the other 48 states; and

19 WHEREAS, despite the fact that the commissaries and post  
20 exchanges must tranship their products as far as those sold in  
21 local stores their prices are much lower because of the fact that  
22 these facilities sell their goods at cost without adding on the  
23 transshipment cost, thereby permitting the military personnel and  
24 their dependents in Alaska to purchase their consumer items on  
25 a subsidized basis since they do not pay a realistic Alaska price  
26 for such produce and products; and

27 WHEREAS, the situation does not prevail in the other 48 states  
28 for the reason that since 1952 appropriation bills for the  
29 Department of Defense have contained riders to the effect that

1 all goods sold in post exchanges and commissaries within the  
2 other 48 states shall be sold with a surcharge for the price of  
3 transportation within such states and for overhead and other  
4 normal expenses of carrying on commissary and post exchange  
5 activities;

6 NOW THEREFORE, Your Memorialist, the First Legislature of  
7 the State of Alaska in Second Session assembled, respectfully  
8 urges that the members of the Alaska Delegation of the Congress  
9 of the United States take all steps necessary to extend to Alaska  
10 the proviso whereby goods sold in military commissaries and  
11 post exchanges within the State of Alaska are sold at a price  
12 including transportation and other normal overhead charges,  
13 thereby placing local businessmen in competition with such  
14 commissaries and post exchanges in the same position as are  
15 their fellow businessmen in the other 48 states;

16 AND YOUR MEMORIALIST WILL EVER PRAY.  
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