

1 IN THE HOUSE

BY MR. GRUENEL

2 HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 52

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 FIRST LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 TO THE HONORABLE JOHN F. KENNEDY, SENATOR FROM MASSACHUSETTS; THE  
6 HONORABLE E. L. BARTLETT AND THE HONORABLE ERNEST GRUENING,  
7 SENATORS FROM ALASKA; AND THE HONORABLE RALPH J. RIVERS, REPRESENTATIVE FROM ALASKA:

9 Your Memorialist, the Legislature of the State of Alaska in  
10 First Legislature, Second Session assembled, respectfully submits  
11 that:

12 WHEREAS, a bill, S. 791, has been introduced in Congress  
13 designed to bring uniformity to unemployment insurance throughout  
14 the United States; and

15 WHEREAS, this bill recognizes that unemployment is a problem  
16 which is the concern of all the states and requires concerted  
17 action by all the states; and

18 WHEREAS, this bill provides for federal grants rather than  
19 loans as at present for insurance to states whose unemployment  
20 funds are depleted by excessive but necessary and just demands  
21 upon them; and

22 WHEREAS, Alaska, Michigan, and Pennsylvania have already  
23 suffered such a depletion and almost a dozen other states are  
24 being faced with such a possibility at the present time; and

25 WHEREAS, while the aforementioned bill will prove of great  
26 benefit to all the states in the future, it will not immediately  
27 aid those states which have already suffered depletion and are  
28 now faced with repaying large loans; and

29 WHEREAS, a major purpose of the proposed bill is to prevent

1 placing states in a difficult financial position through loans by  
2 using federal grants for reinsurance purposes instead.

3 NOW THEREFORE, Your Memorialist urges that S. 791 be amended  
4 to include as federal grants those loans previously made to states  
5 for reinsurance purposes.  
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