

1 IN THE HOUSE

BY MR. GIERSDORF

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HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 55

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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FIRST LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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TO THE HONORABLE DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED

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STATES; THE HONORABLE CHRISTIAN A. HERTER, SECRETARY OF STATE;

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THE HONORABLE JAMES R. DURFEE, CHAIRMAN, CIVIL AERONAUTICS BOARD;

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THE HONORABLE E. L. BARTLETT AND THE HONORABLE ERNEST GRUENING,

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SENATORS FROM ALASKA; AND THE HONORABLE RALPH J. RIVERS, REPRESENTATIVE FROM ALASKA:

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SENTATIVE FROM ALASKA:

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Your Memorialist, the Legislature of the State of Alaska in

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First Legislature, Second Session assembled respectfully submits

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that:

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WHEREAS, Alaska has become the halfway house for air travel

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between Europe and the Orient; and

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WHEREAS, the greatest and most immediate economic development

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available to Alaska is through expansion of tourism within the

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state; and

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WHEREAS, Alaska's unequalled scenic splendor, and the attraction

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of its colorful and interesting people and places are magnetic

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forces which cause citizens of all nations throughout the world

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to want to see this great new state; and

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WHEREAS, several international carriers have seen fit to use

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this advantageous route; and

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WHEREAS, the United States has denied the carriers using

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this route stop-over privileges in Alaska, thereby denying thousands

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of people the chance to see the attractions of Alaska; and

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WHEREAS, this denial also deprives Alaska of substantial

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tourist revenue, which is the most immediate source of revenue

1 available to the state; and

2 WHEREAS, Scandinavian Airlines System alone, since beginning
3 operation of this Polar Route between Europe and the Orient, has
4 carried over 19,000 passengers through Alaska, none of whom were
5 permitted to stop-over and tour within our state; and

6 WHEREAS, any undesired duplication of existing route authori-
7 ties between Anchorage and Tokyo could be prevented simply by
8 denying the foreign carriers the right to initiate travel from
9 Alaska to Japan, but not totally denying stop-over privileges for
10 passengers that originate in Europe or the Orient and after their
11 stop-over could board the same carrier for their ultimate destina-
12 tion; and

13 WHEREAS, both Scandinavian Airlines System and Air France
14 have requested that stop-over privileges be granted;

15 NOW THEREFORE, Your Memorialist requests the President of
16 the United States, the Secretary of State and the Civil Aeronautics
17 Board reconsider the denial of stop-over privileges to the foreign
18 airlines using this Polar Route between Europe and the Orient.

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