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IN THE HOUSE BY MESSRS. BLODGETT, CHAPADOS, DEVEAU,
KENDALL, REED, RADER AND MEEKINS

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 10
IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
FIRST LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

Relating to carrying out of freight
rate investigations and hearings
by Attorney General.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA IN THE
FIRST LEGISLATURE FIRST SESSION ASSEMBLED:

WHEREAS, the freight rate charges of water carriers to and
from Alaska have a vital and direct bearing on the cost of living
in Alaska and the economic development of Alaska; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Maritime Board initially determines the
reasonableness of such freight rates for Alaska upon the basis of
evidence and testimony submitted by the carriers and the Attorney
General, representing the State of Alaska under the provisions of
Sections 9-1-8 through 9-1-11, ACLA 1949, as amended; and

WHEREAS, Section 9-1-11, ACLA 1949, authorizes and empowers
the Attorney General ". . . in any hearing or proceeding, in which
he . . . is about to appear before any Board, Court, Commission,
Committee, or officer of the United States involving, or which may
involve, traffic and commerce or rates of transportation or
carriage between points within the Territory to or from points
without the Territory; . . ." to demand and inspect pertinent
records and otherwise investigate the freight and passenger traffic
to and from Alaska; and

WHEREAS, it is essential to the prosperity and development of
the State of Alaska that freight rates of water carriers to and
from Alaska, be continuously investigated and reviewed in order to
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1 enable the Attorney General to resist at anytime freight rate
2 increases which may be unfairly high and discriminatory against
3 Alaska freight:

4 NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Legislature of the
5 State of Alaska in the First Legislature First Session assembled,
6 that the Attorney General, in order to carry out his duties under
7 Sections 9-1-8 through 9-1-11, ACLA 1949, as amended, be prepared
8 at all times to appear in freight rate hearings before the Federal
9 Maritime Board and such other tribunals as may be necessary; to
10 gather data, and maintain files and records relating to freight
11 rates; to retain expert witnesses on matters pertaining to
12 relevant aspects of freight rate hearings; to pay for the trans-
13 portation and per diem of experts called to testify in behalf of
14 the State of Alaska in such hearings; to hire personnel to gather
15 data and conduct investigations on a continuous basis of freight
16 rates; and that monies to carry out the purposes of this resolu-
17 tion and duties will be hereafter appropriated.

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