

BY SENATORS BRADSHAW, SMITH,
STEWART, PERATROVICH AND NOLAN

1 IN THE SENATE

2 SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 22

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 FIRST LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 TO THE HONORABLE DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED
6 STATES; THE HONORABLE RICHARD NIXON, PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE; THE
7 HONORABLE SAM RAYBURN, SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES; THE
8 HONORABLE E. L. BARTLETT AND THE HONORABLE ERNEST GRUENING, SENATORS
9 FROM ALASKA; AND THE HONORABLE RALPH J. RIVERS, REPRESENTATIVE FROM
10 ALASKA:

11 Your Memorialist, the Legislature of the State of Alaska in
12 First Legislature, First Session assembled respectfully submits
13 that:

14 WHEREAS, Public Law 85-739 as passed in August, 1958, allows
15 certain small vessels to transport merchandise to and from places
16 within the inland waters of southeastern Alaska and Prince Rupert,
17 British Columbia; and

18 WHEREAS, the vessels authorized by this law are operated by
19 cooperatives and transport the merchandise of members on a non-
20 profit basis; and

21 WHEREAS, the large, scheduled vessels serving southeastern
22 Alaska cannot economically and expeditiously provide service be-
23 tween small fishing villages and the larger commercial and process-
24 ing centers of southeastern Alaska; and

25 WHEREAS, considering the numerous and diverse waterways of
26 southeastern Alaska and the dependence of the area on the fishing
27 industry it can be seen that the operation of such small vessels
28 is essential to the total economy of that part of the state; and

29 WHEREAS, the present federal law authorizes the use of such

1 small vessels only until March 15, 1960; and

2 WHEREAS, this time limitation leaves the operators of such
3 vessels in doubt as to the status of their activities, and has a
4 depressive effect on that part of the Alaskan economy that is
5 dependent on inexpensive and effective transportation between the
6 inland ports;

7 NOW THEREFORE, Your Memorialist urges that all necessary
8 action be taken to encourage, pass and approve federal legislation
9 to extend the limits of Public Law 85-739 for four years beyond
10 March 15, 1960.

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