

1 IN THE SENATE BY SENATORS SMITH, BRADSHAW, STEWART,  
2 SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 30 NOLAN AND PERATROVICH

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA  
4 FIRST LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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

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

14 WHEREAS, the southeastern region of Alaska has no connecting  
15 roads or highways; and

16 WHEREAS, communities in this area of Alaska are located along  
17 the coastal areas and on offshore islands making the construction  
18 of roads uneconomical and in some cases impractical; and

19 WHEREAS, the most feasible way to provide surface transportation in this area of Alaska is the initiation of a ferry system  
20 between the terminus of the Haines Highway at Haines, Alaska, and  
21 the terminus of Highway 16 at Prince Rupert, British Columbia,  
22 thereby connecting these two roads and providing surface transportation to the intermediate communities; and

25 WHEREAS, no method of financing is available under existing  
26 laws relating to highway and ferry vessel construction; and

27 WHEREAS, there has been introduced in the Congress S. 1956  
28 to amend the Merchant Marine Act of 1936 to classify the aforementioned ferry run as foreign trade thereby qualifying the ferry

1 vessels engaged in such trade for construction subsidy and loans  
2 under the Merchant Marine Act of 1936; and S. 2661 to amend  
3 Federal-aid Highway Acts to permit the participation of federal-  
4 aid highway funds in the construction of approach roads to ferry  
5 facilities;

6       NOW THEREFORE, your Memorialist respectfully urges that the  
7 Congress of the United States at its present session pass S. 1956  
8 and S. 2661 thereby making available method of financing the  
9 ferry system for Southeastern Alaska.

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