

BY SENATORS BRADSHAW, SMITH,
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1 IN THE SENATE

2 SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 33

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 NIXON, PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE; THE
7 HONORABLE SAM RAYBURN, SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES;
8 THE HONORABLE WARREN G. MAGNUSON, CHAIRMAN, SENATE INTERSTATE AND
9 FOREIGN COMMERCE COMMITTEE; THE HONORABLE HERBERT C. BONNER,
10 CHAIRMAN, HOUSE MERCHANT MARINE AND FISHERIES COMMITTEE; THE
11 HONORABLE E. L. BARTLETT AND THE HONORABLE ERNEST GRUENING,
12 SENATORS FROM ALASKA; AND THE HONORABLE RALPH J. RIVERS, REPRESENTATIVE FROM ALASKA:

14 Your Memorialist, the Legislature of the State of Alaska in
15 First Legislature, Second Session assembled respectfully submits
16 that:

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

21 WHEREAS, the vessels authorized by this law are operated by
22 cooperatives and transport the merchandise of members on a non-
23 profit basis; and

24 WHEREAS, the large, scheduled vessels serving southeastern
25 Alaska cannot economically and expeditiously provide service between
26 small fishing villages and the larger commercial and processing
27 centers of southeastern Alaska; and

28 WHEREAS, considering the numerous and diverse waterways of
29 southeastern Alaska and the dependence of the area on the fishing

1 industry it can be seen that the operation of such small vessels is
2 essential to the total economy of that part of the state; and

3 WHEREAS, the present federal law authorizes the use of such
4 small vessels only until March 15, 1960; and

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

10 WHEREAS, S. 2669 and HR 9124 now before the Congress would
11 relieve this situation by extending the time within which such
12 service is authorized;

13 NOW THEREFORE, Your Memorialist urges that all necessary
14 action be taken to encourage, pass and approve such federal legis-
15 lation to extend the limits of Public Law 85-739.

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