

1 IN THE SENATE BY FEDERAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE
2 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 31
3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
4 SECOND LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to the Alaska Communication
6 System.

7 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA IN
8 SECOND LEGISLATURE, FIRST SESSION ASSEMBLED:

9 WHEREAS, there have been many reports during the past several
10 years that the Alaska Communication System is to be sold and that
11 negotiations have been in progress from time to time with privately
12 owned systems for its purchase; and

13 WHEREAS, the Alaska Communication System has been operating
14 in Alaska continuously at all times since on or about May 20, 1900,
15 and has been rendering outstanding service to all residents of
16 Alaska, but particularly to the residents of outlying and smaller
17 communities; and

18 WHEREAS, it is not and would not be economically feasible for
19 private operators to attempt to give adequate communication service
20 to small isolated communities, although the need for modern service
21 in these smaller and isolated villages and communities is just as
22 real and necessary as those of the larger cities; and

23 WHEREAS, the innumerable small communities in the State would
24 find themselves without good communications or would be obliged to
25 pay confiscatory rates if the Alaska Communication System were sold
26 to private interests;

27 BE IT RESOLVED by the Legislature of the State of Alaska in
28 Second Legislature, First Session assembled, that the United States
29 Government discontinue in its efforts to sell the Alaska Communi-

1 cation System to private interests, and that the Congress of the
2 United States and the new administration keep and maintain the
3 Alaska Communication System as a Government owned and operated
4 communication system for the benefit of the United States as a
5 whole and the residents of the smaller communities of the State
6 of Alaska; and be it

7 FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be mailed to
8 the Honorable John F. Kennedy, President of the United States;
9 the Honorable Robert S. McNamara, Secretary of Defense; the
10 Honorable Elvis J. Stahr, Jr., Secretary of the Army; the Honorable
11 E. L. Bartlett and the Honorable Ernest Gruening, U. S. Senators;
12 and the Honorable Ralph J. Rivers, Representative from Alaska.

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