

BY SENATORS OWEN, WEISE, V.
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1 IN THE SENATE

2 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 37

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SECOND LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Relating to the proposed in-
6 crease by Alaska Steamship
7 Company in the freight rates
8 to Westward Alaska.

9 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA IN
10 SECOND LEGISLATURE, SECOND SESSION ASSEMBLED:

11 WHEREAS, the Alaska Steamship Company has proposed an in-
12 crease in the rates governing the shipment of goods to Westward
13 Alaska; and

14 WHEREAS, the proposed rates would result in a general in-
15 crease of 10 per cent on all items moving between Seattle and
16 points on the Alaska Peninsula, Bristol Bay, Bethel, Norton
17 Sound, and Kotzebue; an increase of 20 per cent on cans, cartons
18 and salt moving from Seattle to all Alaska ports; and an increase
19 of 10 per cent on canned fish moving from all Alaska ports to
20 points of discharge in Washington, or Astoria, Oregon; and

21 WHEREAS, a recent prior 10 per cent increase in rates propos-
22 ed by the Alaska Steamship Company has not been shown to be fair,
23 and is still pending before the Federal Maritime Commission; and

24 WHEREAS, in sharp contrast to the fairness of the laws
25 governing rate-making for water commerce in areas of strong com-
26 petition, there is a present threat to the economy of Alaska in
27 the area of water commerce due to the pronounced unilateral
28 economic domination of the steamship lines plying to and from
29 Alaska ports; and

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1 WHEREAS, the Alaska economy also bears the burden of the
2 added costs which present laws and regulations place on the non-
3 contiguous states in the field of water commerce between states;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, these existing rate discrepancies already present
6 a formidable and dangerous threat to the future growth and
7 development of this State;

8 BE IT RESOLVED by the Legislature of the State of Alaska in
9 Second Legislature, Second Session assembled, that the Federal
10 Government is urged to give the utmost consideration to the
11 permanent suspension of the proposed rate increase of the Alaska
12 Steamship Company; and be it

13 FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be sent to
14 the Honorable John F. Kennedy, President of the United States;
15 the Honorable Thomas E. Stakem, Jr., Chairman of the Federal
16 Maritime Board; the Honorable Sigfrid B. Unander and the Honor-
17 able Ralph E. Wilson, Members of the Federal Maritime Board; the
18 Honorable Warren G. Magnuson, Chairman of the Senate Interstate
19 and Foreign Commerce Committee; the Honorable Oren Harris,
20 Chairman of the House Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee;
21 and to the members of the Alaska Delegation to Congress.
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