

1 IN THE SENATE BY SENATORS OWEN, WEISE, V.
2 PHILLIPS, MCNEES AND HOPSON

3 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 37

4 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
5 SECOND LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

6 Relating to the proposed
7 increase by Alaska Steamship
8 Company in the freight rates
9 to Westward Alaska

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

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

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

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

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

29 WHEREAS, the Alaska economy also bears the burden of the added
costs which present laws and regulations place on the non-contiguous

1 states in the field of water commerce between states; and

2 WHEREAS, these existing rate discrepancies already present a
3 formidable and dangerous threat to the future growth and develop-
4 ment of this State;

5 BE IT RESOLVED by the Legislature of the State of Alaska in
6 Second Legislature, Second Session assembled, that the Federal
7 Government is urged to give the utmost consideration to the per-
8 manent suspension of the proposed rate increase of the Alaska
9 Steamship Company; and be it

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

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21 Passed by the Senate February 2, 1962

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President of the Senate

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ATTEST:

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Secretary of the Senate

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Passed by the House February 15, 1962

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