

BY SENATORS OWEN,
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1 IN THE SENATE

2 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 53

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SECOND LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Relating to legislation to bring
6 the Alaska Railroad under the
7 jurisdiction of the Interstate
8 Commerce Commission.

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

11 WHEREAS, the future growth of Alaska depends upon the
12 orderly development of transportation to, from, and within the
13 state; and

14 WHEREAS, Alaska transportation problems have received
15 intensive study and review by state and federal agencies and by
16 committees of Congress; and

17 WHEREAS, transportation studies have recognized the need
18 for a comprehensive regulatory program which would encompass all
19 means of transportation and have also pointed out that it is
20 impossible to have an effective and fully integrated regulatory
21 arrangement for surface transportation if any means of transpor-
22 tation receives a preferential position outside the regulatory
23 program; and

24 WHEREAS, the Alaska Railroad is operated without any
25 supervision by any state or federal regulatory agency specialized
26 in matters of rate making; and

27 WHEREAS, the lack of an integrated regulatory program has
28 permitted inequitable and discriminatory rate practices to the
29 detriment of the shippers and receivers of freight in Alaska,

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1 to the detriment of competing means of transportation, and to the
2 detriment of the general public in Alaska; and

3 WHEREAS, legislation is now pending in Congress which would
4 place the regulation of rates of the Alaska Railroad under the
5 Interstate Commerce Commission and thereby assure that rates
6 would conform to the established practices of competitive rate
7 making and would be determined by men experienced in transportation
8 matters;

9 BE IT RESOLVED, by the Legislature of the State of Alaska
10 in Second Legislature, Second Session assembled, that it
11 respectfully urges Congress to pass and the President to approve
12 this needed legislation; and be it

13 FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be sent to
14 the President of the United States, the Speaker of the House of
15 Representatives, each member of the Senate Commerce Committee
16 and the House Committee on Foreign and Interstate Commerce, and
17 the members of the Alaska Delegation in Congress.

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