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BY SENATORS BRONSON  
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IN THE SENATE

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 56  
IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA  
SECOND LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

Relating to a federal program of  
medical care for the aged.

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

WHEREAS, the span of human life has been and will continue  
to be greatly prolonged by advances in medical science; and

WHEREAS, as a result of this prolongation, as well as of an  
overall increase in the population, there are increasingly large  
numbers of people over 65 years of age; and

WHEREAS, people over 65 years of age not only require much  
greater medical attention, but are far less able to bring them-  
selves within the provisions of medical care plans than people  
under that age; and

WHEREAS, a very large proportion of those over 65 who need  
medical care receive less care than they require, and are not  
able to pay even for that which they receive; and

WHEREAS, it would be financially impossible for the state  
to assume the burden of providing the care which these people  
require; and

WHEREAS, a bill supported by the national administration is  
now before the Congress of the United States which is directed  
at alleviation of problems of medical care for the aged without,  
at the same time, infringing on the traditional doctor-patient  
relationship or the powers and management of state or private  
agencies in this field;

1 BE IT RESOLVED by the Legislature of the State of Alaska in  
2 Second Legislature, Second Session assembled that the Congress of  
3 the United States is urged to take favorable action on the King-  
4 Anderson Bill, designated as S. 909, and H.R. 4222, in order that  
5 the problem of medical care for the aged may be dealt with in a  
6 timely and adequate fashion; and be it

7 FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be sent to  
8 the Honorable Abraham Ribicoff, Secretary of Health, Education,  
9 and Welfare; the Honorable Lister Hill, Chairman, Senate Com-  
10 mittee on Labor and Public Welfare; the Honorable Pat McNamara,  
11 Chairman, Senate Special Committee on Aging; the Honorable Wilbur  
12 D. Mills, Chairman, House Ways and Means Committee; and to the  
13 Alaska Delegation in Congress.  
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