

1 IN THE SENATE

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2 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 60

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SECOND LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Relating to special freight rates
6 allowed government agencies in inter-
7 state commerce.

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

10 WHEREAS the transportation industry operating to, from, and
11 within Alaska is beset with numerous problems not found in trans-
12 portation to, from, and within other states; and

13 WHEREAS an abnormally large percentage of the total volume
14 of freight shipped in and to Alaska is government freight; and

15 WHEREAS a major contributing factor to the weakness of the
16 transportation industry here is provisions in the Interstate
17 Commerce Act, which permit carriers to carry freight for federal,
18 state, and local governments at rates lower than rates charged
19 against private shippers, so that carriers, to recoup losses on
20 account of government freight, are forced to ship for private
21 shippers at a higher rate, raising consumer costs; and

22 WHEREAS the abnormally large percentage of the total volume
23 of government freight shipped in and to Alaska results in abnor-
24 mally high rates for private shippers and contributes substan-
25 tially to Alaska's high cost-of-living index;

26 BE IT RESOLVED by the Legislature of the State of Alaska in
27 Second Legislature, Second Session assembled, that the Congress
28 be respectfully urged to amend 49 U.S.C. 22, which permits govern-
29 ment freight to be shipped at preferential rates, so as to provide

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1 for relief to shippers in and to Alaska, and to Alaska consumers;
2 and be it

3 FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be mailed to
4 the Honorable Warren G. Magnuson, Chairman of the Senate Commerce
5 Committee; the Honorable Oren Harris, Chairman of the House Inter
6 state and Foreign Commerce Committee; and the members of the
7 Alaska delegation in Congress.

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