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1 IN THE SENATE

2 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 61

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SECOND LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Relating to the jurisdiction of the
6 Interstate Commerce Commission over
7 carriers of freight to Alaska.

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

10 WHEREAS, in Alaska, to properly determine reasonable rates
11 for land and water carriers bringing freight from a port of origin
12 to its final destination, it is necessary to consider the whole
13 shipment operation as a unit, rather than considering rates for
14 water and for land carriers separately; and

15 WHEREAS presently, the Federal Maritime Commission has juris-
16 diction to determine rates for water carriers carrying freight to
17 Alaska, and the Interstate Commerce Commission has jurisdiction
18 to determine rates for land carriers connecting with the water
19 carriers; and

20 WHEREAS, under this dichotomous arrangement, neither commis-
21 sion is permitted to consider all factors relevant to setting
22 reasonable rates; and

23 WHEREAS inability to consider all reasonable factors necessar-
24 ily results in rates that are inequitable to either the carriers
25 or to the public; and

26 WHEREAS, if one agency were given jurisdiction to determine
27 reasonable rates for both land and water carriers, all relevant
28 factors could be considered and more economical through rates and
29 joint routes could be rationally established, resulting in more

1 efficient carrier operation, with its concomitant advantages to
2 the carriers and to the public; and

3 WHEREAS presently the Interstate Commerce Commission has
4 jurisdiction over many more carriers serving Alaska than has the
5 Federal Maritime Commission;

6 BE IT RESOLVED by the Legislature of the State of Alaska in
7 Second Legislature, Second Session assembled, that the Congress is
8 respectfully urged to direct that all freight carriers carrying
9 freight into Alaska be placed under the exclusive jurisdiction
10 of the Interstate Commerce Commission; and be it

11 FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be mailed to
12 the Honorable Warren G. Magnuson, Chairman of the Senate Commerce
13 Committee; the Honorable Oren Harris, Chairman of the House Inter-
14 state and Foreign Commerce Committee; the Honorable Rupert L.
15 Murphy, Chairman of the Interstate Commerce Commission; the Hon-
16 orable Thos. E. Stakem, Chairman, Federal Maritime Commission; and
17 the members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.

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