

1 IN THE SENATE

BY THE FEDERAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

2 SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 54

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SECOND LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Relating to the restoration of medical care
6 to owner-operators of fishing vessels and
7 self-employed seamen under federal law.

8 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE IN SECOND LEGISLATURE, SECOND SESSION
9 ASSEMBLED:

10 WHEREAS, public hearings have been scheduled by the Committee
11 on Commerce of the U.S. Senate on S. 367, a bill to restore medi-
12 cal benefits to owner-operators of fishing vessels and other self-
13 employed seamen; and

14 WHEREAS, the bill seeks to restore medical benefits to work-
15 ing owners and working part-owners of vessels who number from six
16 to eleven thousand men who have been deprived by an administrative
17 ruling from medical care in Public Health Service Hospitals and
18 other facilities since 1954; and

19 WHEREAS, it is only equitable that medical benefits be re-
20 stored to this segment of the maritime force in recognition of the
21 vital role they play in the nation's oldest industry;

22 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate in Second Legislature, Second
23 Session assembled that the passage of S. 367 is supported by the
24 State of Alaska in the interests of equity to those formerly co-
25 vered but now excluded from medical care benefits and as a forward
26 step toward a revival of the nation's maritime industry; and be it

27 FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be sent to
28 the Honorable Warren G. Magnuson, Chairman, Committee on Commerce,
29 U.S. Senate, and the members of the Alaska Delegation in Congress.

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