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1 IN THE SENATE BY SENATORS OWEN, COGHILL AND BEGICH

2 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 19

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 THIRD LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to placing the Alaska
6 Railroad under the jurisdiction
7 of the Interstate Commerce Commis-
8 sion.

9 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

10 WHEREAS the future growth of Alaska depends on the orderly
11 development of transportation to, from, and within Alaska; and

12 WHEREAS Alaska transportation problems have received and
13 continue to receive intensive study by state and federal agencies
14 and by committees of Congress; and

15 WHEREAS transportation studies have recognized the need for
16 a comprehensive regulatory program which would encompass all
17 means of transportation and have noted that it is impossible to
18 have an effective and fully integrated regulatory program for
19 surface transportation if any transportation means receives
20 preferential treatment outside the regulatory program; and

21 WHEREAS the Alaska Railroad is operated without any super-
22 vision by any state or federal regulatory agency specializing in
23 matters of rate making; and

24 WHEREAS the Alaska Railroad, operating in a preferred status
25 is giving unfair competition to private carriers in the Anchorage
26 and Fairbanks area which are forced to pay state and federal
27 taxes for their operations; and

28 WHEREAS the lack of an integrated regulatory program for
29 transportation has permitted inequitable and discriminatory

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1 practices by the Alaska Railroad to the detriment of shippers and
2 receivers of freight, private and competitive carriers, and the
3 general public in Alaska; and

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

10 BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the State of Alaska
11 respectfully urges the Congress to pass pending legislation to
12 bring the federally owned and operated Alaska Railroad under the
13 jurisdiction of the Interstate Commerce Commission and that the
14 President of the United States approve this needed legislation;
15 and be it

16 FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be sent to
17 the Honorable John F. Kennedy, President of the United States,
18 the Honorable Warren Magnuson, Chairman of the Committee on
19 Commerce of the Senate; the Honorable Oren Harris, Chairman of
20 the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce of the House
21 of Representatives; and the members of the Alaska delegation in
22 Congress.
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