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1 IN THE SENATE BY SENATORS HOPSON, MCNEALY, COGHILL,
2 HALL, FOSTER, PERATROVICH, BEGICH,
3 BRADSHAW AND HANSEN

4 SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 68

5 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

6 THIRD LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

7 Relating to a redress of the in-
8 equities of federal taxation in
9 Alaska.

10 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE:

11 WHEREAS the cost of living throughout Alaska is significantly
12 higher than in any other state of the United States, as is recog-
13 nized by the federal government in the cost-of-living allowance
14 which it makes to federal employees in Alaska; and

15 WHEREAS, although citizens of Alaska may earn more dollars
16 than citizens of other states, the buying power of the dollar is
17 much lower; and

18 WHEREAS, since the federal income tax is progressive, persons
19 earning more dollars pay a higher percentage of their income as
20 taxes; and

21 WHEREAS this results in Alaskans paying a larger percentage
22 of their real incomes than citizens of other states; and

23 WHEREAS this inequitably heavy federal tax makes it extremely
24 difficult for the state government to find tax sources for the
25 revenue which is necessary for the proper development of the state
26 and the welfare of its citizens.

27 BE IT RESOLVED, that the Department of the Treasury through
28 the Internal Revenue Service is respectfully requested to review
29 the fairness of the federal income tax in its application to
Alaska, and to consider the possibility of making a refund to the
state for the same reasons and on the same basis that the federal

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1 government awards a cost-of-living allowance to federal employees
2 in the state, or of providing some other relief; and be it

3 FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Governor is respectfully requested
4 to direct the Alaska Department of Revenue to cooperate with and
5 encourage the federal authorities in the investigation of this
6 matter, and to report to the Legislature on findings and progress
7 at the beginning of the Second Session of the Third Legislature;
8 and be it

9 FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be sent to
10 the Honorable Douglas Dillon, Secretary of the Treasury; the
11 Honorable Mortimer M. Caplin, Commissioner of Internal Revenue;
12 and the Alaska delegation in Congress.

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