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1 IN THE SENATE BY THE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

2 SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 41

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 THIRD LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Relating to urban renewal
6 assistance in disaster areas.

7 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE:

8 WHEREAS the earthquake which occurred on March 27, 1964, in
9 Alaska destroyed or severely damaged the majority of the resi-
10 dential structures in many of the smaller communities in the
11 disaster area and destroyed or damaged many of the residential
12 structures in the Anchorage area; and

13 WHEREAS the communities in the disaster area will, pursuant
14 to the provisions of 42 USC 1462, seek urban renewal assistance to
15 reconstruct residential buildings; and

16 WHEREAS the Alaska earthquake was unique in that it substan-
17 tially destroyed the industrial and commercial, as well as the
18 residential, facilities in many of these communities; and

19 WHEREAS the almost total destruction of these communities has
20 weakened their ability to recover to the extent that extraordinary
21 assistance measures are required; and

22 WHEREAS the relaxation of some of the requirements in the
23 existing federal law regarding urban renewal assistance will
24 appreciably aid these communities to recover;

25 BE IT RESOLVED that the Congress of the United States is
26 respectfully urged to amend the existing law regarding urban re-
27 newal assistance in disaster areas to increase federal capital
28 grants to local public agencies to 100 per cent of the net cost of
29 renewal projects and to permit private property, which is

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1 condemned for an urban renewal project, to be appraised at its
2 value before the disaster; and be it
3 FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be sent to
4 the Honorable Carl Hayden, President Pro Tempore of the Senate;
5 the Honorable John W. McCormack, Speaker of the House; the Honor-
6 able Lister Hill, Chairman, Senate Labor and Public Welfare Com-
7 mittee; the Honorable Oren Harris, House Interstate and Foreign
8 Commerce Committee; the Honorable Robert C. Weaver, Administrator,
9 Housing and Home Finance Agency; the Honorable William L. Slayton,
10 Commissioner, Urban Renewal Administration; and the members of the
11 Alaska delegation in Congress.

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