

1 IN THE SENATE BY THE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE  
2 SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 44  
3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA  
4 THIRD LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Relating to the interest rates  
6 on loans by the Small Business  
7 Administration in Alaska.

8 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE:

9 WHEREAS, the Small Business Administration is authorized by  
10 law to make loans to individuals and business concerns to restore  
11 and rehabilitate property damaged or destroyed as a result of a  
12 natural disaster; and

13 WHEREAS, although the Administrator has the power to vary the  
14 interest rates on these loans within a broad range, he has main-  
15 tained the interest rates at the statutorily permissible maximum  
16 of three per cent; and

17 WHEREAS, although the Administrator has the power to lower  
18 the interest rates on regular Small Business Administration loans  
19 made for the encouragement and development of small businesses  
20 to three per cent or less, he has not done so even though the  
21 economic impact of the earthquake was statewide; and

22 WHEREAS, the purposes of disaster relief and the interests of  
23 the people of Alaska and the United States would be best served  
24 if interest rates for all Small Business Administration loans in  
25 the state were reduced to the lowest feasible figure;

26 BE IT RESOLVED that the Honorable Eugene P. Foley, Adminis-  
27 trator of the Small Business Administration, is respectfully  
28 requested to reconsider his determination to apply the maximum  
29 interest rate legally permitted on loans to restore or rehabilitate

1 property damaged or destroyed as a result of the earthquake of  
2 March 27, 1964, to set it at less than three per cent and to make  
3 all other new Small Business Administration loans available  
4 throughout the state at three per cent; and be it

5       FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be sent to  
6 the Honorable Lyndon B. Johnson, President of the United States;  
7 the Honorable Clinton P. Anderson, Chairman of the Federal Re-  
8 construction and Development Planning Commission for Alaska; the  
9 Honorable Henry M. Jackson, Chairman of the Senate Interior and  
10 Insular Affairs Committee; and the members of the Alaska Delegation  
11 in Congress.

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