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1 IN THE HOUSE BY MESSRS. ORBECK, JACKSON,  
2 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 42 LEFEVRE AND MCCOMBE  
3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA  
4 FOURTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION  
5 Relating to the elimination of  
6 federal excise tax on telephone  
7 calls to and from Alaska.  
8 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:  
9 WHEREAS the present excise tax on telephone calls was  
10 enacted as a war-time measure over 20 years ago; and  
11 WHEREAS President Johnson has indicated that a reduction in  
12 existing federal excise and other taxes amounting to 1.5 billion  
13 dollars will be part of the new budget program; and  
14 WHEREAS the specific excise taxes which will be eliminated  
15 or reduced in order to give this relief to the taxpayers have not  
16 been determined; and  
17 WHEREAS it is considered that excise taxes on necessities,  
18 such as telephone service, should be eliminated or reduced before  
19 taxes on luxury commodities; and  
20 WHEREAS the rates and charges for telephone service between  
21 Alaska and the continental United States have, for years, been  
22 disproportionately high and Alaska has not benefited from the  
23 general reductions in interstate telephone rates made in recent  
24 years;  
25 BE IT RESOLVED that the President of the United States is  
26 respectfully urged to propose to Congress that the excise tax  
27 on telephone calls between the continental United States and  
28 Alaska and Hawaii, which are still classified as overseas calls,  
29 be eliminated as part of the overall plan to reduce federal

1 excise taxes, and be it

2 FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be sent to  
3 the Honorable Harry Flood Byrd, Chairman, Senate Finance Committee;  
4 the Honorable Wilbur Mills, Chairman, House Ways and Means  
5 Committee; the Honorable Douglas Dillion, Secretary of the  
6 Treasury; the Honorable Kermit Gordon, Director, Bureau of the  
7 Budget; the Honorable Eugene M. Zuckert, Secretary of the Air  
8 Force; Major General James C. Jensen, Commander, Alaskan Air  
9 Command; and the Honorable E. L. Bartlett and the Honorable  
10 Ernest Gruening, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Ralph J. Rivers,  
11 U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.

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