

1 IN THE HOUSE BY THE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

2 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 90

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 FOURTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Protesting the proposed increase
6 in freight rates by the Alaska
7 Steamship Company.

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

9 WHEREAS the Alaska Steamship Company has announced an in-
10 crease of 15 per cent on shipments to and from Southeast Alaska
11 effective April 8; and

12 WHEREAS the proposed higher tariffs have been filed with the
13 Federal Maritime Commission for its review and action; and

14 WHEREAS this latest attempt at a tariff increase is typical
15 of the historical effort of the Alaska Steamship Company to
16 repeatedly take advantage of its dominant position in sea com-
17 merce to and from Alaska to strengthen its stranglehold on the
18 Alaskan economy; and

19 WHEREAS the State of Alaska, having prevailed in a fight
20 over a similar attempt to hike the tariffs for Western Alaska,
21 must now return to do battle against an equally unwarranted
22 attempt to further hinder the growth and development of the
23 state's economy by a monopolistic carrier;

24 BE IT RESOLVED that the legislature of the State of Alaska
25 protests the proposal of the Alaska Steamship Company to further
26 strangle Alaska's economic development through a 15 per cent
27 hike in tariffs on shipments to and from Southeast Alaska and
28 respectfully and urgently requests the Federal Maritime Commis-
29 sion to permanently suspend the proposed tariff increase of the

1 Alaska Steamship Company.

2 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable
3 Lyndon B. Johnson, President of the United States; the Honorable
4 Oren Harris, Chairman, House Interstate and Foreign Commerce
5 Committee; the Honorable Warren G. Magnuson, Senate Commerce
6 Committee; the Honorable John Harbelle, Chairman, Federal Maritime
7 Commission; and to the Honorable E. L. Bartlett and the Honorable
8 Ernest Gruening, U. S. Senators, and the Honorable Ralph J.
9 Rivers, U. S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation
10 in Congress.

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