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1 IN THE HOUSE BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

2 SENATE CS FOR 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 increased
10 tariffs on shipments to Southeast Alaska effective April 8, and
11 on shipments to Bristol Bay and Northwest Alaska effective April 1;
12 and

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

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

20 WHEREAS it is especially important to note that the proposed
21 increase in tariffs affects those routes on which the Alaska
22 Steamship Company has a virtual monopoly; and

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

28 BE IT RESOLVED that the legislature of the State of Alaska
29 protests the proposal of the Alaska Steamship Company to further

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1 again increase tariffs on shipments to Southeast, Bristol Bay and
2 Northwest Alaska and respectfully and urgently requests the
3 Federal Maritime Commission to permanently suspend the proposed
4 tariff increases of the Alaska Steamship Company; and be it

5 FURTHER RESOLVED that the Governor and Attorney General of
6 the State of Alaska are urged to intervene as parties in any pro-
7 ceedings before the Federal Maritime Commission and to vigorously
8 protest the proposed tariff increases.

9 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable
10 Lyndon B. Johnson, President of the United States; the Honorable
11 Oren Harris, Chairman, House Interstate and Foreign Commerce
12 Committee; the Honorable Warren G. Magnuson, Senate Commerce
13 Committee; the Honorable John Harllee, Chairman, Federal Maritime
14 Commission; and to the Honorable E. L. Bartlett and the Honorable
15 Ernest Gruening, U. S. Senators, and the Honorable Ralph J.
16 Rivers, U. S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation
17 in Congress.