

1 IN THE SENATE

BY ALL SENATE MEMBERS

2 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 10

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 FOURTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to the reduction in the
6 long distance telephone rates
7 between other states and the
8 State of Alaska.

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

10 WHEREAS there are no station-to-station telephone rates from
11 Alaska to the rest of the United States, and the existing rates
12 for person-to-person service are unduly expensive; and

13 WHEREAS on November 25, 1964 the Federal Communications
14 Commission announced major reductions in interstate telephone
15 rates for the continental United States and Hawaii, but did not
16 announce a similar reduction for Alaska service; and

17 WHEREAS Alaska remains the only one of the 50 states not
18 receiving benefits from the numerous telephone rate reductions
19 that have been effected during the past few years; and

20 WHEREAS the United States Air Force entered into discussion
21 with American Telephone and Telegraph Company in early June 1964,
22 in order to reduce Alaska telephone rates over the Alaska Communi-
23 cations System network, but the negotiations have not been com-
24 pleted; and

25 WHEREAS the continuing high charges for long distance calls
26 from Alaska are economically burdensome for, and unjustly discrim-
27 inatory to, Alaskans;

28 BE IT RESOLVED that the Department of Air Force is respect-
29 fully urged to take immediate action to secure telephone toll rates

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1 between Alaska and the rest of the United States that are com-
2 parable to the reduced long-distance rates now enjoyed by citizens
3 of other states of the Union; and be it

4 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that copies of this resolution be sent to
5 the Honorable Robert S. McNamara, Secretary of Defense; the
6 Honorable Eugene M. Zuckert, Secretary of the Air Force; the
7 Honorable E. William Henry, Chairman of the Federal Communications
8 Commission; and the members of the Alaska delegation to Congress.

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