

1 IN THE SENATE

BY SENATOR BLODGETT

2 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 51

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 FOURTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to the inferior mail
6 service being rendered to the
7 villages in Northwest Alaska.

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

9 WHEREAS village councils throughout Northwest Alaska have
10 complained bitterly about the inferior mail service presently be-
11 ing rendered in this area; and

12 WHEREAS much of the mail is received as late as one and one-
13 half months after its posting, including mail which is sent from
14 neighboring villages only 60 to 70 miles away; and

15 WHEREAS recently mail service has been reduced from three
16 deliveries a week to only two a week; and

17 WHEREAS as a result of the delinquent mail deliveries,
18 reindeer meat, which is a very important commodity in this area,
19 is often stale or spoiled; and

20 WHEREAS Northern Consolidated and Wien Alaska Airlines'
21 inadequate equipment causes mail to accumulate in post offices,
22 resulting in breakage and other damage to package contents stacked
23 there;

24 BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature requests the
25 Civil Aeronautics Board to investigate the mail carriers serving
26 Northwest Alaska, and, if necessary, transfer the mail contracts
27 for this area to companies which are equipped and can be relied
28 upon to do the type of job expected of United States mail carriers
29 and be it

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1 FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be sent to
2 the Honorable Alan S. Boyd, Chairman of the Civil Aeronautics
3 Board; the Honorable John A. Gronouski, Postmaster General; Mr.
4 Sigurd Wien, President of Wien Alaska Airlines; Mr. Ray Peterson,
5 President of Northern Consolidated Airlines; and the members of
6 the Alaska Delegation in Congress.

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