

1 IN THE SENATE

BY SENATOR OWEN

2 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 71

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 FOURTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Relating to mail service by
6 ship between Kodiak and
7 Nikolski, Alaska.

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

9 WHEREAS under 39 USC 487(c), passed in 1939, the Postmaster
10 General was authorized to provide for the carriage of all classes
11 of mail by ship between Kodiak, Alaska and Nikolski, Alaska,
12 including service to intermediate points; and

13 WHEREAS this service not only resulted in regular mail
14 delivery to Nikolski and many of the small isolated communities
15 on the Alaska Peninsula and the Aleutian Chain, but also provided
16 a means whereby the residents of these communities could receive
17 shipments at reasonable freight rates, as well as scheduled
18 transportation between communities and to central Alaska; and

19 WHEREAS as a result of the general revision of Title 39 of
20 the United States Code in 1960, the 1939 Act was repealed and re-
21 placed by 39 USC 6101, which leaves all mail transportation
22 services and arrangements within the states to the broad dis-
23 cretion of the Postmaster General; and

24 WHEREAS after the enactment of 39 USC 6101, mail service by
25 ship between Kodiak and Nikolski and intermediate points was dis-
26 continued; and

27 WHEREAS mail and freight service to Nikolski and the small
28 communities and settlements on the Alaska Peninsula and the
29 Aleutian Chain are now provided solely by air with the result that

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1 mail delivery, being subject to the hazards of the weather, is
2 erratic; freight capacity is limited; and freight charges pro-
3 hibitively high;

4 BE IT RESOLVED that the Postmaster General of the United
5 States is respectfully urged to reinstitute immediately mail
6 service by ship between Kodiak and Nikolski and that this service
7 be similar to that formerly provided under the 1939 Act.

8 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable
9 Lawrence F. O'Brien, Postmaster General of the United States; and
10 to the Honorable E. L. Bartlett and the Honorable Ernest Gruening,
11 U. S. Senators, and the Honorable Ralph J. Rivers, U. S.
12 Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.

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