

1 IN THE SENATE

BY BLODGETT, FOSTER
AND HOPSON

2 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 82

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 FOURTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Relating to the misuse of post-
6 master positions.

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

8 WHEREAS the position of postmaster in any class of U. S.
9 Post Office is a position of responsibility and trust; and

10 WHEREAS it is vital to the public good that persons appointed
11 postmasters be above reproach in their dealings with the public
12 no matter what the economic or other status of the persons to
13 be served; and

14 WHEREAS the appointment of postmasters who are also store-
15 keepers in remote communities has resulted in cases where the
16 postmaster-storekeeper has brought economic pressures on people
17 by withholding their mail which contains unemployment compensa-
18 tion, welfare, social security and other checks to which they
19 are entitled;

20 BE IT RESOLVED that the Postmaster General of the United
21 States is reprimanded for allowing the appointment of postmasters
22 in rural Alaska who use their position as storekeepers to bring
23 economic pressures on individuals by withholding their mail which
24 includes unemployment compensation, welfare, social security pay-
25 ment, and other checks.

26 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable
27 Lyndon B. Johnson, President of the United States; and the Honor-
28 able E. L. Bartlett and the Honorable Ernest Gruening, U. S. Sena-
29 tors, and the Honorable Ralph J. Rivers, U. S. Representative,

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members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.