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1 IN THE HOUSE

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2 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 22

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 FIFTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to shipping restrictions
6 affecting the Alaska and British
7 Columbia ferries.

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

9 WHEREAS the ocean ferries of Alaska and British Columbia serve as ex-
10 tensions of highways and should be open to the same usage as the highways
11 they connect; and

12 WHEREAS United States truckers are effectively prevented by sec. 27
13 of the Jones Act, 46 USC sec. 883, from carrying United States merchandise
14 destined for Alaska on Canadian ferries and Canadian truckers are prevented
15 by sec. 671 of the Canada Shipping Act from carrying Canadian merchandise
16 destined for British Columbia or Yukon points on United States ferries; and

17 WHEREAS transportation of merchandise via the Alaska and British
18 Columbia ferries provides an important and expedient route for shipment of
19 goods to the State of Alaska from its sister states and for shipments of
20 Canadian merchandise to British Columbia or Yukon points; and

21 WHEREAS the State of Alaska is the only state in the Union having a
22 foreign nation separating it from the rest of the Nation; and

23 WHEREAS application of the prohibitions of the Jones Act and the
24 Canada Shipping Act to the State of Alaska in its unique circumstances poses
25 an inequitable obstacle to the economic development of the state; and

26 WHEREAS legislation has been introduced into the Senate of the United
27 States to remove obstacles to the use of Canadian carriers for shipments to
28 the State of Alaska;

29 BE IT RESOLVED that the Congress of the United States is respectfully

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1 urged to enact Senate Bill 292 amending sec. 27 of the Jones Act and the
2 Canadian Parliament is respectfully urged to amend sec. 671 of the Canada
3 Shipping Act, respectively, in order to remove restrictions on the movement
4 of merchandise in highway vehicles on Alaska and British Columbia ferries.

5 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Lyndon B.
6 Johnson, President of the United States; the Honorable Lester Pearson,
7 Prime Minister of Canada; the Honorable W.A.C. Bennett, Premier of British
8 Columbia; the Honorable Carl Hayden, President Pro Tempore of the Senate;
9 the Honorable John W. McCormack, Speaker of the House; and to the Honorable
10 E.L. Bartlett and the Honorable Ernest Gruening, United States Senators, and
11 the Honorable Howard W. Pollock, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska
12 delegation in Congress.

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