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1 IN THE HOUSE

2 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 51

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 FIFTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Urging a study of the effects of  
6 the Jones' Act on the Yukon River.

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

8 WHEREAS there is evidence that the Yukon River has been used in the  
9 part as an international marine highway route and that ships of foreign  
10 hull construction have been allowed to operate on the river apparently  
11 free of restrictions imposed by the Jones' Act; and

12 WHEREAS it is probable that the State of Alaska and private developers  
13 will be seeking construction of unique river vessels for ferry service on  
14 the Yukon River between United States ports and Canadian ports; and

15 WHEREAS the operation of foreign hull constructed vessels would make  
16 possible the development of transportation by private concerns where no  
17 development can presently be undertaken;

18 BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the State of Alaska urgently  
19 requests that the Department of Justice and the United States Coast Guard  
20 cooperate in a study with regard to the applicability of the Jones' Act  
21 to the Yukon River, and inform the Governor of Alaska of its applicability  
22 at the earliest possible time.

23 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to The Honorable Ramsey Clark,  
24 Attorney General, Department of Justice; The Honorable Lowell K. Bridwell,  
25 Federal Highway Administrator, Federal Highway Administration; The Honorable  
26 Frank C. Turner, Director, Federal Highway Administration, Bureau of  
27 Public Roads; Admiral Willard J. Smith, Commandant, U.S. Coast Guard; and  
28 The Honorable E.L. Bartlett and The Honorable Ernest Gruening, U.S. Senators,  
29 and The Honorable Howard W. Pollock, U.S. Representative, members of the

Alaska delegation in Congress.

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