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1 IN THE HOUSE

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2 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 69

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 FIFTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Relating to the availability for use
6 of U.S. Public Health Service hospitals
7 and health facilities.

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

9 WHEREAS many people in the remote areas of the state are without suffi-
10 cient medical and dental care; and

11 WHEREAS, in some communities such as Point Barrow, Kotzebue, Tanana,
12 Sitka, and Kanakanak, physicians and dentists licensed to practice in Alaska
13 are forbidden the use of tax-supported hospitals and other Alaska Native
14 Health Service facilities for diagnosis, treatment, or surgery; and

15 WHEREAS this is in violation of the spirit of Public Law 89-749 which
16 extends and improves public health service and medical and dental care for
17 all people in the nation and encourages cooperation between governmental and
18 nongovernmental agencies; and

19 WHEREAS it would promote a higher level of health for all the citizens
20 of remote areas of Alaska if licensed physicians and dentists could utilize
21 U.S. Public Health Service facilities for private practice of medicine
22 where other facilities are not available;

23 BE IT RESOLVED that the U.S. Public Health Service is requested to
24 meet with representatives of the Department of Health and Welfare and
25 Senators E.L. Bartlett and Ernest Gruening and Representative Howard Pollock
26 in order to draw up a plan whereby U.S. Public Health Service facilities
27 will be made available to all the people of Alaska and to all licensed
28 physicians and dentists, and to set up user fees for these facilities to
29 equal fees in similar private institutions in the same area.

1 COPIES of this Resolution shall be sent to The Honorable William H.
2 Stewart, Surgeon General of the U.S. Public Health Service; and to The
3 Honorable E.L. Bartlett and The Honorable Ernest Gruening, U.S. Senators,
4 and The Honorable Howard W. Pollock, U.S. Representative, members of the
5 Alaska delegation in Congress.

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