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Referred: Commerce

1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE RULES COMMITTEE BY REQUEST

2 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 126

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SIXTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Urging the granting of a broadcasting
6 license for radio station K.I.B.H. in
7 Seward, Alaska.

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

9 WHEREAS radio station K.I.B.H. formerly operated and did business in
10 the port city of Seward, Alaska for over 25 years before October 1969; and

11 WHEREAS, due to the continued depressed economy experienced in Seward
12 during the years following the 1964 earthquake-tidal wave, the owners of
13 radio station K.I.B.H., Seward Broadcasting Corporation, were forced to cease
14 operations, close the station, and relinquish their operating license to the
15 Federal Communications Commission in October 1969; and

16 WHEREAS the dissemination and publication of local news in Seward is
17 presently limited to one local weekly newspaper; and

18 WHEREAS the presence of a radio station with a daily schedule is an
19 important asset in any community and immeasurably important to achieve an
20 informed public in Seward; and

21 WHEREAS a radio station performs an extremely important and necessary
22 function in any type of civil defense emergency situation, which may require
23 the immediate communication of information and instructions to the residents
24 of the adjacent areas for their safety and protection; and

25 WHEREAS Seward is isolated from other broadcasting stations in
26 Anchorage (128 miles) and Kenai (95 miles) with intervening mountain ranges
27 rendering satisfactory reception from these stations impossible; and

28 WHEREAS the backers of the Seward Broadcasting Corporation have exhibited
29 a strong and sincere interest in renewing the former license of radio station

1 K.I.B.H. in order to restore the former operation of the station and to
2 liquidate the indebtedness of the station; and

3 WHEREAS recent application has been made to the Federal Communications
4 Commission for approval of a license for station K.I.B.H. in order to resume
5 public services and broadcasting operations in Seward;

6 BE IT RESOLVED that the Sixth State Legislature urges the Federal
7 Communications Commission to expedite this application for license so that
8 radio station K.I.B.H. may fill the void created by forced closure of the
9 station.

10 COPIES of this Resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Dean Burch,
11 Chairman of the Federal Communications Commission; and to the Honorable Ted
12 Stevens and the Honorable Mike Gravel, U. S. Senators, and the Honorable
13 Howard W. Pollock, U. S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation
14 in Congress.