

1 IN THE SENATE

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2 SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 28

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SIXTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Proposing a permanent satellite
6 communications system for Alaska and
7 requesting that a study be made.

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

9 WHEREAS the absence of reliable and fast communications in the state
10 is one of the major contributors to the dwarfing of overall state growth;
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12 WHEREAS a satellite communications system appears presently to be the
13 long sought after answer to the question of how to cover widely separated
14 population areas at relatively low costs; and

15 WHEREAS it is imperative that the state learn more about the potential
16 of such a communications system in order to intelligently evaluate its
17 future impact; and

18 WHEREAS plans must now be made for the administrative framework neces-
19 sary to implement a program of this dimension;

20 BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature respectfully requests the Governor
21 to direct the appropriate state agency to study the feasibility and desira-
22 bility of a permanent satellite communications system for Alaska, to provide
23 the agency with the necessary expert personnel and to direct that a report
24 on the findings and recommendations be submitted to the First Session of the
25 Seventh State Legislature.
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