

1 IN THE SENATE

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2 SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 30

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SIXTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Proposing a lease-contract arrangement
6 with the Canadian government with
7 regard to satellite communications.

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

9 WHEREAS the state is presently investigating the implementation of a
10 pilot satellite communications program; and

11 WHEREAS the Canadian government is presently engaged in preparations
12 for the launching of a communications satellite in 1971; and

13 WHEREAS the Canadian satellite is being designed to serve the same
14 objectives which the state is investigating the feasibility of in its pilot
15 program, i.e. educational and cultural television which will serve remote
16 communities in the North; and

17 WHEREAS the state could gain invaluable knowledge beyond the scope of
18 its pilot program and purchase time in order to more thoroughly study the
19 feasibility of a permanent program of its own by participating in the
20 Canadian project;

21 BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature respectfully requests the Governor
22 to direct the appropriate state agency to enter into negotiations with the
23 Canadian government with the view of entering into a lease-contract arrange-
24 ment with the Canadians for state participation in the Canadian satellite
25 communications program proposed for the Canadian North.
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