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1 IN THE SENATE

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2 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 69

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SIXTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Relating to the Department of Public
6 Works' application to the FCC request-
7 ing the assignment of a common fre-
8 quency for emergency use purposes
9 to Alaska.

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

11 WHEREAS Alaska includes within its great land mass many remote villages
12 and camps which are totally dependent upon radio; and

13 WHEREAS the rapid acceleration of activity in these remote areas during
14 the past year has emphasized the lack of adequate communication in the state
15 beyond the relatively few major centers of population; and

16 WHEREAS, with the exception of one or two radio schedules per working
17 day, many construction camps, field crews and even sizable villages have no
18 contact with the rest of the world; and

19 WHEREAS the frequent need for immediate medical aid or emergency
20 transportation is common to all isolated communities and villages; and

21 WHEREAS presently there is no predictable way to summon aid since there
22 is no emergency frequency common to the many existing radio stations that
23 are licensed to individuals, companies and governmental agencies;

24 BE IT RESOLVED that the Sixth Alaska State Legislature respectfully
25 requests that the FCC approve Alaska's application for the assignment of a
26 common emergency land frequency and the establishment of an integrated emer-
27 gency radio network for stations in Alaska.

28 COPIES of this Resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Ben Waple,
29 Secretary of the Federal Communications Commission; to the Honorable

1 C. L. Buck, Director of the Division of Communications, Department of Public
2 Works; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Mike Gravel, U. S.
3 Senators, and to the Honorable Howard W. Pollock, U. S. Senator, members of
4 the Alaska delegation in Congress.

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