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1 IN THE SENATE

2 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 81

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SIXTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Relating to the use of appropriated  
6 money for airport construction.

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

8 WHEREAS the Congress of the United States has appropriated the sum of  
9 \$50,000,000 for the construction of airports in Alaska and the rest of the  
10 nation; and

11 WHEREAS the President of the United States has directed the Bureau of  
12 the Budget to freeze this money and not release it until a user charge bill  
13 now pending in Congress is passed; and

14 WHEREAS the use of this \$50,000,000 will, of necessity, be frozen until  
15 the user charge bill is passed and necessary airport construction will be  
16 delayed in direct proportion to the failure to release this money; and

17 WHEREAS this money is allocated on a 67 1/2 per cent federal government  
18 to 32 1/2 per cent state government matching basis; and

19 WHEREAS the State of Alaska received \$1,800,000 last year from the  
20 \$30,000,000 appropriated for airport construction and could be expected to  
21 receive a similar share for this fiscal year; and

22 WHEREAS the user charge bill is a ten-year program costing \$7,500,000,000,  
23 \$2,500,000,000 being for the use of navigational aids and \$5,000,000,000 for  
24 airport construction; and

25 WHEREAS the \$50,000,000 appropriation will be included in the  
26 \$5,000,000,000 ten-year program and will be frozen until that bill passes  
27 Congress; and

28 WHEREAS this money allocated to the state is spent according to the  
29 needs of the State of Alaska by the administration;

1 BE IT RESOLVED that the Sixth Legislature of the State of Alaska respect-  
2 fully requests the President of the United States to release this money  
3 immediately from the Bureau of the Budget so that the money may be utilized  
4 for airport construction in Alaska.

5 COPIES of this Resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Richard M.  
6 Nixon, President of the United States, and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and  
7 the Honorable Mike Gravel, U. S. Senators, and the Honorable Howard W. Pollock,  
8 U. S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.

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