

1 IN THE SENATE

BY BEGICH AND JOSEPHSON

2 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 88

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SIXTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Requesting an expanded comprehensive
6 transportation study for the entire
7 State of Alaska.

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

9 WHEREAS presently Alaska is participating in a \$3,000,000 transporta-
10 tion study, with \$2,000,000 of that amount coming from Alaska's highway
11 maintenance fund; and

12 WHEREAS this study, being conducted by the Department of Transportation
13 at the request of the Secretary of the Interior, is only concerning itself
14 with a rail and highway corridor to the North Slope; and

15 WHEREAS in view of the dramatic growth in transportation and the ensuing
16 difficulties inherent in expansion of such facilities; it is apparent that
17 the current study is unduly narrow in scope, since Alaska's ferry system, air
18 passenger system, air cargo system, water-borne freight system, and rail
19 links between Seward, Kenai, Homer and Soldotna merit at least equal con-
20 sideration when transportation matters of this importance are examined; and

21 WHEREAS it is not too late to correct the scope of the study, which,
22 if continued in its present plan, will most certainly be an embarrassment
23 to all concerned;

24 BE IT RESOLVED that the Sixth Alaska State Legislature respectfully
25 requests the Department of Transportation to expand the current Alaska
26 transportation study so that it will consider in addition to a rail and
27 highway corridor to the North Slope, the existing and future transportation
28 needs of the entire state.

29 COPIES of this Resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Richard M.

1 Nixon, President of the United States; the Honorable Walter J. Hickel,
2 Secretary of the Department of the Interior; the Honorable John A. Volpe,
3 Secretary of the Department of Transportation; and to the Honorable Ted
4 Stevens and the Honorable Mike Gravel, U. S. Senators, and the Honorable
5 Howard W. Pollock, U. S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation
6 in Congress.

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