

1 IN THE SENATE

BY THE RULES COMMITTEE BY REQUEST

2 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 94

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SIXTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Relating to the removal from King
6 County, Washington of the Seattle
7 Pilots' baseball franchise to
8 Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

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

10 WHEREAS the American Baseball League is reported to be considering the
11 removal of the Seattle Pilots' baseball franchise from King County, Washing-
12 ton, to Milwaukee, Wisconsin; and

13 WHEREAS such a movement would deprive the Pacific Northwest area of
14 major league baseball, and the Puget Sound area in particular, of a fair
15 chance to demonstrate its ability to support a major league franchise; and

16 WHEREAS the continuing uncertainty about the future of major league
17 baseball in Seattle is detrimental to the building of community financial
18 support for the Pilots and affects adversely the club's ticket sales program
19 and

20 WHEREAS such an action by the American Baseball League would raise
21 serious implications regarding the status of professional baseball under
22 laws affecting interstate commerce; and

23 WHEREAS any move of the Seattle Pilots from the State of Washington
24 could jeopardize the entire future of all professional sports in the
25 Pacific Northwest; and

26 WHEREAS the people of Alaska have a vital interest in sports in general
27 and baseball in particular, as emphasized by youth baseball programs and the
28 national recognition won by the Anchorage Glacier Pilots and the Fairbanks
29 Gold Panners at the National Baseball Congress; and

1 WHEREAS any move of the Seattle club will be injurious to baseball by
2 weakening further fan support and identification with franchising clubs in
3 all areas;

4 BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska Legislature respectfully requests that
5 the American Baseball League adhere to its decision announced earlier this
6 year to retain the Seattle franchise and provide financial assistance for
7 the 1970 season; and be it

8 FURTHER RESOLVED that in the event that the American Baseball League
9 carries through with its reported intention to remove the franchise from
10 Seattle and relocate it in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, or elsewhere, that the
11 members of the Alaska delegation in Congress are respectfully urged to assist
12 the Honorable Warren G. Magnuson and the Honorable Henry M. Jackson, U. S.
13 Senators from the State of Washington, in any Congressional review of the
14 status of baseball under federal anti-trust laws, and in considering any
15 legislation to curb the precipitous move of franchises; and be it

16 FURTHER RESOLVED that in the event that the State of Washington, or any
17 of its municipalities or political subdivisions, shall initiate sufficient
18 litigation to enjoin or restrain the removal of the Seattle franchise in the
19 American Baseball League to another community, the Attorney General of
20 Alaska is respectfully requested to seek leave to intervene in the suit in
21 support of it or to file in the court having jurisdiction over the suit a
22 brief amicus curiae.

23 COPIES of this Resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Joe Cronin,
24 President of the American Baseball League; the Honorable Bowie Kuhn, Commis-
25 sioner of Organized Baseball; the Honorable Fred Haney, the American League's
26 management representative for the Seattle Pilots Baseball Club; the Honorable
27 Marvin Milkes, General Manager, Seattle Pilots Baseball Club; and to the
28 Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Mike Gravel, U. S. Senators and
29 the Honorable Howard W. Pollock, U. S. Representative, members of the

1 Alaska delegation in Congress.

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