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2 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 9

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to the construction of a train  
6 slip rail car loading facility at  
7 Seward.

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

9 WHEREAS it is recognized by the Alaska Legislature that most freight  
10 being shipped into interior Alaska at this time arrives in freight cars  
11 aboard barges; and

12 WHEREAS these barges are currently unloaded principally at the Port of  
13 Whittier direct to the Alaska Railroad rails; and

14 WHEREAS, if an emergency should occur such as the closure of tunnels  
15 on the existing rail route from Whittier by an earth slide, earthquake, or  
16 even by an enemy military action, no provision has been made for an alter-  
17 nate train slip-type car unloading facility; and

18 WHEREAS freight tonnage projections by the North Commission indicate  
19 tonnages in excess of what can be handled through the Whittier Port when  
20 North Slope activities are in full gear; and

21 WHEREAS the City of Seward has recently seen the completion of a new  
22 \$15,000,000 dock facility which does not include a train slip for handling  
23 rail cars;

24 BE IT RESOLVED by the Seventh State Legislature that the Congress of  
25 the United States is respectfully requested to provide the Alaska Railroad  
26 with sufficient funds to enable that entity to build a train slip rail car  
27 loading facility at Seward which would safeguard, in all contingencies,  
28 Alaska's freight handling capability, and which would enable the new Seward  
29 dock facility to be utilized to the utmost.

1 COPIES of this Resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Richard M.  
2 Nixon, President of the United States; the Honorable John A. Volpe, Secre-  
3 tary of Transportation; the Honorable John E. Manley, General Manager,  
4 Alaska Railroad; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Mike  
5 Gravel, U. S. Senators, and the Honorable Nick Bogich, U. S. Representative,  
6 members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.

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