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REED, ROSE AND SPECKING

1 IN THE HOUSE

2 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 28

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to a waiver of the Jones Act  
6 for the M/V Wickersham.

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

8 WHEREAS the Governor of Alaska has formally called for the construction  
9 of a new \$17.5 million vessel to be added to the Southeast Alaska ferry  
10 system; and

11 WHEREAS the Governor has clearly indicated that the new vessel is to  
12 be built in American shipyards; and

13 WHEREAS it is the intent of the State of Alaska to sell the M/V Wicker-  
14 sham upon entry into service of the new vessel; and

15 WHEREAS, if the M/V Wickersham could be fully utilized during the time  
16 it takes for construction of the new vessel, Alaska could realize an addi-  
17 tional \$1.5 million of revenue as well as provide Southeast Alaska with  
18 immediately needed expanded service;

19 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that the United States  
20 Congress is urgently requested to grant a temporary certificate of exemption  
21 from the Jones Act for the foreign-built M/V Wickersham only until such  
22 time as the new proposed vessel can be constructed.

23 COPIES of this Resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Richard M.  
24 Nixon, President of the United States; the Honorable Edward A. Garmatz,  
25 Chairman, House Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries; the Honorable  
26 Warren G. Magnuson, Chairman, Senate Commerce Committee; and to the Honorable  
27 Ted Stevens and the Honorable Mike Gravel, U. S. Senators, and to the Honorable  
28 Nick Begich, U. S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in  
29 Congress.