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1 IN THE HOUSE

2 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 73

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to airline freight rates
6 for certain motorized vehicles

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

8 WHEREAS many, many citizens of the State of Alaska live in remote areas
9 and must depend upon airline service for delivery of all goods, commodities
10 and equipment; and

11 WHEREAS these Alaskans who live in the areas of the state not contain-
12 ing highways or roads for regular motor vehicle use depend, to a great ex-
13 tent, upon the use of snowmobiles and similar motorized means of transpor-
14 tation; and

15 WHEREAS at least two airlines in the state who service the more remote
16 areas have seen fit to impose freight rates upon the Alaskan consumer for
17 certain motorized equipment far in excess of the air freight rates for
18 general commodities; and

19 WHEREAS these rates, which range from 200 per cent to 250 per cent
20 above the general commodity rates are totally unconscionable and make it
21 impossible for some persons to purchase motorized equipment because there
22 is no alternate method of shipment; and

23 WHEREAS this inequitable and intolerable situation must be changed so
24 that the average citizen may be afforded the opportunity of having equip-
25 ment delivered at a reasonable rate; and

26 WHEREAS the airlines concerned have offered no logical justification,
27 economic or otherwise, which would tend to support these confiscatory
28 charges;

29 BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska Legislature expresses its most extreme

1 displeasure at this treatment of Alaskans by the private carriers, espe-
2 cially Wien Consolidated and Alaska Airlines and urgently requests the Civil
3 Aeronautics Board, and the Alaska Transportation Commission to conduct im-
4 mediate and thorough inquiries into the current air freight rates of all
5 airlines operating in Alaska, and to establish air freight rates based
6 upon valid supportable cost factors, being fair both to the airlines and
7 the individual citizen.

8 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Secor D.
9 Browne, Chairman, Civil Aeronautics Board; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens
10 and the Honorable Mike Gravel, U. S. Senators, and the Honorable Nick Begich,
11 U. S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.