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1 IN THE HOUSE

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2 *SCS* HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 109

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Urging the granting of a temporary
6 exemption from the Jones Act for
7 the M/V Wickersham.

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

9 WHEREAS in recent days, bids have been accepted by the State of Alaska
10 for the construction of a new vessel to be added to the Southeast Alaska
11 ferry system; and

12 WHEREAS the new vessel is being constructed for the sole purpose of
13 replacing the M/V Wickersham; and

14 WHEREAS, if the M/V Wickersham could be fully utilized during the time
15 it takes for construction of the new vessel, Alaska could realize at least
16 an additional \$1.5 million of revenue as well as provide Southeast Alaska
17 with urgently needed expanded service; and

18 WHEREAS bills are currently pending before the United States Congress
19 which would provide for a temporary exemption for the M/V Wickersham from
20 the Jones Act; and

21 WHEREAS the Senate bill has been reported out of the Senate Commerce
22 Committee to the Senate floor, but is being held until such time as the
23 House Merchant Marine and Fisheries Committee acts on the House bill;

24 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska Legislature that the House Merchant Marine
25 and Fisheries Committee is urged to take speedy action on the bill before
26 it granting a temporary certificate of exemption from the Jones Act for the
27 foreign-built M/V Wickersham only until such time as the new Alaska vessel,
28 to be constructed in the United States, can be placed in the Alaska service.

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

1 Nixon, President of the United States; the Honorable Edward A. Garmatz,
Chairman, House Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries; and to the
Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Mike Gravel, U.S. Senators, and the
4 Honorable Nick Begich, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation
5 in Congress.

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