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1 IN THE SENATE

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2 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 6

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to the proposed freight rate
6 increase proposed by the Alaska Rail-
7 road and Sea-Land Incorporated.

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

9 WHEREAS the Alaska Railroad and Sea-Land Incorporated recently announced
10 a 15 per cent freight rate hike; and

11 WHEREAS justification for such a rate increase has not been forthcoming
12 from the Alaska Railroad or Sea-Land Incorporated; and

13 WHEREAS any increase in freight rates would only add to the spiraling
14 inflation in Alaska and have a devastating affect on the Alaskan economy; and

15 WHEREAS it is of the utmost importance that private business, labor and
16 government all act prudently in an effort to curb inflation; and

17 WHEREAS the Interstate Commerce Commission appellate "suspension board"
18 has suspended the price increase by the Alaska Railroad for a period of
19 seven months, thus effectively suspending Sea-Land's proposed increase in
20 rates also;

21 BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska Legislature respectfully requests the
22 "suspension board" of the Interstate Commerce Commission to investigate the
23 proposed freight rate increase in the most thorough manner possible and if
24 the railroad's request is unjustifiable or unreasonable in any respect, the
25 Commission is respectfully requested to make the temporary suspension perma-
26 nent.

27 COPIES of this Resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Richard M.
28 Nixon, President of the United States; the Honorable John H. Volpe, Secretary,
29 Department of Transportation; the Honorable Virginia Mae Brown, Chairman,

1 Interstate Commerce Commission; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the
2 Honorable Mike Gravel, U. S. Senators, and the Honorable Nick Begich, U. S.
3 Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.

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