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1 IN THE SENATE

BY HENSLEY

2 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 42

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to certain proposed freight
6 rate increases.

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

8 WHEREAS the B & R Tug and Barge Company and the Pacific Inland Naviga-
9 tion Company have filed with the Federal Maritime Commission freight rate
10 tariff increases to become effective on May 1, 1971; and

11 WHEREAS the tariff involved (FMC Tariff No. 10) covers the lighterage
12 and terminal at Nome and Kotzebue and the distribution of freight in Nome
13 and Kotzebue to coastal villages; and

14 WHEREAS the increases in rates that have been filed with the Federal
15 Maritime Commission include commodity rate increases of some 10 - 12 per
16 cent, primarily on construction and building materials, as well as an
17 increase of 10 - 12 per cent on freight distribution from Nome and Kotzebue
18 to coastal villages; and

19 WHEREAS satisfactory justification for rate increases to this extent
20 has not been forthcoming; and

21 WHEREAS, if the rate increases are permitted to go into effect, many
22 Alaskan citizens and communities will suffer uncalled for economic burdens;

23 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska Legislature that the Governor is respect-
24 fully requested to direct the Attorney General to formally protest the
25 proposed tariff increases; and be it

26 FURTHER RESOLVED that the Federal Maritime Commission is urged to
27 closely examine the proposed increases and to require complete and immediate
28 information concerning the proposed increases and the reasons therefor.

29 COPIES of this Resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Helen D.

1 Bentley, Chairman, Federal Maritime Commission, the Honorable Virginia Mae
2 Brown, Chairman, Interstate Commerce Commission; and to the Honorable Ted
3 Stevens and the Honorable Mike Gravel, U. S. Senators, and the Honorable
4 Nick Begich, U. S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in
5 Congress.

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