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1 IN THE SENATE

2 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 70

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Relating to commuter train service  
6 to the Matanuska Valley area.

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

8 WHEREAS there are estimated to be some 18,000 automobile trips made  
9 every day along the Glenn Highway into and out of Anchorage; and

10 WHEREAS these automobiles carry persons who for the most part hold jobs  
11 either in Anchorage or at the Elmendorf and Fort Richardson military bases;  
12 and

13 WHEREAS this tremendous traffic volume clearly establishes a need for  
14 an alternative transportation system; and

15 WHEREAS one possibility would be for the Alaska Railroad to establish  
16 commuter runs from the Matanuska Valley and Chugiak-Eagle River areas during  
17 peak traffic hours; and

18 WHEREAS establishment of such commuter runs would not only reduce the  
19 great potential now existing for pollution problems arising from auto  
20 emissions but would have the distinct advantage of offering low-cost trans-  
21 portation to many Alaskans, thus benefiting, especially, persons with low  
22 incomes; and

23 WHEREAS such a commuter service could feasibly be tied in with the  
24 local bus system and have the additional salutary effect of alleviating the  
25 severe shortage of parking in downtown Anchorage;

26 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska Legislature that it respectfully requests  
27 the Federal Railroad Administration to immediately take all necessary action  
28 to establish daily commuter train service between Anchorage and the Matanuska  
29 Valley area during the peak traffic hours.

1 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Richard M.  
2 Nixon, President of the United States; the Honorable Carl V. Lyon, Acting  
3 Administrator, Federal Railroad Administration; the Honorable Walker S.  
4 Johnstone, General Manager, Bureau of the Alaska Railroad; and to the  
5 Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Mike Gravel, U.S. Senators, and the  
6 Honorable Nick Begich, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation  
7 in Congress.

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