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1 IN THE HOUSE

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2 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 9

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to welfare recipients in  
6 the city of Anchorage.

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

8 WHEREAS many poor people who are recipients of various forms of  
9 welfare have had great difficulty in obtaining food stamps and health  
10 coupons; and

11 WHEREAS individual complaints have forced them to organize as a group  
12 of welfare recipients in order to improve their situation; and

13 WHEREAS grave charges have been made regarding undignified, inefficient,  
14 arbitrary and frustrating interviewing procedures; and

15 WHEREAS charges are made that the uneducated members of various  
16 minority groups are not cared for because of language barriers and because  
17 they lack the knowledge required in the filling out of forms; and

18 WHEREAS employment practices, such as the scheduling of lunch hours  
19 and coffee breaks on the part of the Anchorage administrators, interfere  
20 with the purpose of the office dispensing these services; and

21 WHEREAS these alleged deficiencies in the administration of these  
22 programs result in long lines of people waiting from four to eight hours  
23 before even being interviewed; and

24 WHEREAS some people who desperately need food, shelter and clothing  
25 often are required to wait two or three days before their needs are met; and

26 WHEREAS such inefficiency also forces many people to retain babysitters  
27 in order to have their affairs handled at the Anchorage office; and

28 WHEREAS it is alleged that the hiring policies of the state as regards  
29 the employment of temporary workers also lend themselves to vast amounts

1 of criticism; and

2 WHEREAS it is the purpose of the electorate of this state and its  
3 legislators to look after this relatively unfortunate segment of our  
4 population;

5 BE IT RESOLVED by the legislature that the President of the Senate and  
6 the Speaker of the House of Representatives appoint a special committee  
7 composed of members of the House and Senate Health, Welfare and Education  
8 committees to investigate these matters, the committee to hold widely  
9 publicized hearings in Anchorage, to which all interested people shall be  
10 invited, for the purpose of securing the facts so that recommendations can  
11 be made to the legislature on how to alleviate the present intolerable  
12 situations; and be it

13 FURTHER RESOLVED that the report of the special committee, together  
14 with its recommendations, shall be presented to the Eighth Legislature -  
15 Second Session.

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