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Introduced: 3/25/74  
Referred: Commerce and  
Judiciary

1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE RULES COMMITTEE  
BY REQUEST

2 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 95

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Relating to the proposed RCA  
6 communications satellite.

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

8 WHEREAS communications in Alaska are absent in most areas, substandard  
9 in some, and modern in just a few; and

10 WHEREAS the Radio Corporation of America (RCA) has, as a part of the  
11 agreement made when it purchased the old Alaska Communications System (ACS),  
12 supplied 30 of 142 villages with modern terrestrial communications (micro-  
13 wave line-of-sight radio telephones); and

14 WHEREAS RCA is continuing the installation of terrestrial units in the  
15 remaining 112 villages in spite of efforts to enjoin these installations in  
16 favor of satellite communications which require smaller and cheaper ground  
17 stations but more expensive equipment for the satellite to reach them; and

18 WHEREAS a recently appointed crash task force, which has only 30 days  
19 in which to review and decide what the best solution for Alaska would be  
20 regarding this problem, has not been able to complete its work; and

21 WHEREAS RCA has before the Federal Communications Commission an applica-  
22 tion for the launching of a satellite that will not have the units aboard it  
23 to reach the smaller and more economical ground stations; and

24 WHEREAS, once launched, the satellite cannot be modified; and

25 WHEREAS this would mean that Alaska would have to spend twice as much  
26 for suitable ground stations;

27 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that the Federal Communi-  
28 cations Commission is urgently requested to withhold the Radio Corporation of  
29 America permit for launching the proposed satellite that will serve Alaska

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1 until the needs of Alaska can be fully explored and decided upon, and it can  
2 be assured that any satellite launched satisfies those needs.

3 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Dean Burch,  
4 Chairman, Federal Communications Commission; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens  
5 and the Honorable Mike Gravel, U. S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young,  
6 U. S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.

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Re: HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 95 -- Please change  
sponsor to read as follows:

BY THE RULES COMMITTEE BY REQUEST OF  
THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON COMMUNICATIONS

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