

BY THE RULES COMMITTEE  
BY REQUEST OF THE INTERIM  
COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

1 IN THE SENATE

2 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 48

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Relating to the installation of  
6 automated cranes in Seward.

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

8 WHEREAS the existing cranes on the Seward dock are not able to function  
9 at a rate which would make use of the dock facilities desirable to the  
10 shipping industry; and

11 WHEREAS shipping and general transportation activity has decreased  
12 substantially over the past few years in Seward; and

13 WHEREAS Seward is a year-round ice free port; and

14 WHEREAS the lack of adequate equipment retards the competitive spirit  
15 of the people of Seward; and

16 WHEREAS additional pipeline-related shipping, transportation and  
17 tourism activities could greatly assist the economic future of Seward; and

18 WHEREAS, also, because of the expected impact on Seward which will  
19 emanate from construction of the trans-Alaska pipeline, it is vital that  
20 the existing rail service from Seward north be maintained;

21 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that the United States  
22 Department of Transportation is urgently requested to install new automated  
23 cranes on the Seward dock in sufficient numbers to enable Seward to pro-  
24 ficiently handle the anticipated increase in shipping from that port; and  
25 be it

26 FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department take no action to discontinue rail  
27 service from Seward north as the existing rail link is extremely important  
28 to the economic viability of the community and will become even more neces-  
29 sary in future years.

1 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Richard M.  
2 Nixon, President of the United States; the Honorable Claude Brinegar,  
3 Secretary, Department of Transportation; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens  
4 and the Honorable Mike Gravel, U. S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young,  
5 U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.  
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