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1 IN THE HOUSE

2 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 37

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 NINTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Opposing S. 1543.

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

7 WHEREAS S. 1543, currently pending before the United States Congress,
8 would amend the Jones Act (46 USC 883) to eliminate Canadian gateway ships
9 serving Alaska, thereby eliminating what could be as much as one-third of
10 this summer's Alaska railbelt capacity; and

11 WHEREAS such action is proposed at a time when shipping to Alaska has
12 increased dramatically with the result that even without such a restriction
13 shipping will be in such short supply that it will gravely hamper normal
14 activity in the state; and

15 WHEREAS, if this bill is enacted with the January 1, 1975 cut-off date
16 proposed in the bill, the total shipping capacity to Alaska would decline from
17 the capacity now available; this in the face of conservative estimates that
18 the demand for shipping capacity will increase by at least 25 per cent to
19 30 per cent; and

20 WHEREAS in view of the critical shortage of shipping capacity to Alaska,
21 any legislation that reduces the amount of transportation available gravely
22 harms Alaska; and

23 WHEREAS there are no ships which comply with the Jones Act ready, willing
24 or able to handle the Alaska traffic with the result that no benefit will
25 accrue to United States shippers or ports to even partially offset the grave
26 harm to the Alaska economy;

27 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that it firmly opposes
28 S. 1543 and urgently requests the United States Congress not to enact it.

29 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Warren G.

1 Magnuson, Chairman, Senate Commerce Committee; the Honorable Harley O.
2 Stagers, Chairman, House Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee; and the
3 Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Mike Gravel, U. S. Senators, and to
4 the Honorable Don Young, U. S. Representative, members of the Alaska
5 delegation in Congress.

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