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1 IN THE SENATE

BY THE COMMERCE COMMITTEE

2 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 8

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 NINTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to Southeast Alaska air
6 transportation requirements.

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

8 WHEREAS, currently, Alaska Airlines enjoys a monopoly in the servicing of
9 the communities of Southeast Alaska; and

10 WHEREAS the people of Southeast are entitled to air service that meets
11 the basic requirements of the public convenience and necessity; and

12 WHEREAS Alaska Airline flights are almost always filled to capacity on
13 the Anchorage-Juneau-Sitka-Ketchikan-Seattle runs; and

14 WHEREAS, because of this fact, many persons who must travel on short
15 notice must travel on a standby basis, thus causing great inconvenience and
16 expense to all Alaskans; and

17 WHEREAS Alaska Airlines has the capability of providing Southeast Alaska
18 and especially the capital city, with more adequate service if they were to
19 reduce their Seattle-Anchorage flights as those flights are rarely full and
20 there are other carriers to handle the traffic; and

21 WHEREAS, allegedly, the Civil Aeronautics Board, in granting Alaska
22 Airlines its present operating rights, had in mind the upgrading of service
23 intrastate and was not primarily concerned with the transportation of people
24 from the South 48 to Alaska;

25 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that the Civil Aero-
26 nautics Board is urgently requested to review the transportation requirements
27 in Alaska, and especially those of Southeast Alaska, with the viewpoint of
28 providing Southeast Alaska adequate air transportation whether it be furnished
29 by Alaska Airlines or another carrier.

1 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Robert D. Timm,
2 Chairman, Civil Aeronautics Board; the Honorable William B. Caldwell, Jr.,
3 Director, Bureau of Operating Rights; Mr. Ronald F. Cosgrave, Chairman and
4 Chief Executive Officer, Alaska Airlines; 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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