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1 IN THE SENATE

2 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 26

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 NINTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to the closure of the public
6 service section of the Alaska field office
7 for the Federal Communications Commission.

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

9 WHEREAS it has been announced that the Federal Communications Commission
10 intends to move the public service section of its Anchorage field office to
11 Seattle; and

12 WHEREAS, if this move is accomplished, it will leave Alaska without a
13 local office where persons can obtain information or apply for marine licenses,
14 radio licenses, television licenses, and the like; and

15 WHEREAS this move is being undertaken at a crucial point in time so far
16 as the development of communications systems in Alaska is concerned, with the
17 state on the verge of being extensively engaged in the area of telecommunica-
18 tions; and

19 WHEREAS such a move would cause severe hardships for many Alaskans,
20 especially those living in the rural areas of the state; and

21 WHEREAS it is definitely in the best interest of the state and its
22 people that there be a state office of the Federal Communications Commission
23 where routine as well as technical information and materials may be obtained;

24 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that the Federal Com-
25 munications Commission is urgently requested to revoke its decision to move
26 the public service section of its Anchorage office to Seattle.

27 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Dean Burch,
28 Chairman, Federal Communications Commission; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens
29 and the Honorable Mike Gravel, U. S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young,

1 U. S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.

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