

Introduced: 3/15/77  
Referred: Finance

1 IN THE HOUSE

BY SMITH, GARDINER, MEEKINS  
AND NAKAK

2 CS HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 38

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 TENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Establishing toll-free telephone service  
6 within the legislature for constituent  
7 use.

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

9 WHEREAS during the legislative session public interest in legislative  
10 activities is extremely high; and

11 WHEREAS news coverage of the legislature by the media and the Alaska  
12 Public Broadcasting Commission is admirable, but information on many activi-  
13 ties of both the Senate and House is not immediately available for public  
14 response; and

15 WHEREAS the cost of a toll-free telephone service would be minimal in  
16 comparison with the benefits achieved by public participation in the legis-  
17 lative process; and

18 WHEREAS now that the daily activities of the legislature are viewed via  
19 television by thousands of Alaskans in all parts of the state, the addition  
20 of toll-free telephone access would bring government closer to the public;  
21 and

22 WHEREAS the Legislative Council has been, and is, active in developing  
23 direct access to the legislature by the public;

24 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that the Legislative  
25 Council is directed to continue to develop means for public access to the  
26 legislature and to establish as the first step to arriving at the final solu-  
27 tion a toll-free telephone service to the legislature, enabling anyone in the  
28 State of Alaska to contact his legislator or to obtain legislative informa-  
29 tion.

#