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Telecommunications and Finance

1 IN THE HOUSE

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2 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 80

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 TENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to the installation of additional
6 satellite earth stations.

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

8 WHEREAS there is a demonstrated need in rural Alaska for 20 satellite
9 earth stations in addition to the 100 mandated by the installation agreement
10 between the state and RCA Alascom, the communications common carrier in
11 Alaska; and

12 WHEREAS the state desires that these 20 additional earth stations shall
13 be installed under the same conditions of ownership, the same contractual
14 terms and in the same time period as the 32 stations awaiting installation
15 under Phase III of the earth station program; and

16 WHEREAS, these desires have been communicated to RCA Alascom both in-
17 formally, and in meetings with the Governor's Office of Telecommunications,
18 beginning in the late summer of 1976; and

19 WHEREAS RCA Alascom has waited until May of 1977 to indicate its opposi-
20 tion to this plan; and

21 WHEREAS under this plan the state purchased an additional 20 earth
22 stations and published their designated locations; and

23 WHEREAS these stations shall be part of the statewide network of satel-
24 lite earth stations; and

25 WHEREAS the method of development and construction of these satellite
26 earth stations does now, and will continue to, determine the quality of
27 future communications in Alaska for the next several decades; and

28 WHEREAS, in order to assure the protection of the public interest and
29 the continued effective participation of the state in the long-range planning

1 that will govern this development, the state should seek to maintain owner-
2 ship of the additional 20 earth stations on the same basis as the original
3 100; and

4 WHEREAS it has never been and shall not now become the policy of the
5 state to engage in the sale of telecommunications hardware or services;

6 BE IT RESOLVED that the Governor is respectfully requested to direct the
7 Governor's Office of Telecommunications to increase its fiscal year 1978
8 budget request by an amount sufficient to cover the installation costs of
9 these additional 20 earth stations; and be it

10 FURTHER RESOLVED that the Governor's Office of Telecommunications is
11 directed to install these earth stations and to take all necessary and appro-
12 priate steps to meet this end.

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