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1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

2 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 67 *AM S*

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 TENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Requesting release of secretarial con-  
6 tingency funds for CETA programs in  
7 Alaska.

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

9 WHEREAS the rate of unemployment in Alaska is extremely high; and

10 WHEREAS federal funds under the Comprehensive Employment Training Act  
11 (CETA) have been a source of partial alleviation of Alaska's high rate of  
12 unemployment; and

13 WHEREAS the necessary costs of administering CETA funds is higher in  
14 Alaska than in many other states and, therefore, fewer CETA trainees can be  
15 employed in Alaska on the same amount of funds; and

16 WHEREAS, because of lack of funding, the Department of Community and  
17 Regional Affairs, which is the prime conduit for CETA funds in Alaska, plans  
18 to cut back 172 CETA positions in Alaska as of March 31, 1978 and 64 more as  
19 of May 31, 1978; and

20 WHEREAS this would result in the increased unemployment of Alaskan citi-  
21 zens who have been hired by employers through the auspices of CETA; and

22 WHEREAS, unless additional funding is obtained by March 31, 1978, those  
23 Alaskan workers presently employed utilizing CETA funds will lose their jobs  
24 and will be ineligible for CETA funds in the future; and

25 WHEREAS Senator Mike Gravel has requested the United States Secretary of  
26 Labor to release enough secretarial contingency funds to ensure that any cut-  
27 backs in CETA positions throughout Alaska can be carried out by attrition;

28 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that the Secretary of  
29 Labor, as the federal official responsible for the nationwide administration

1 of employment funds under the Comprehensive Employment Training Act (CETA),  
2 expeditiously release contingency funds sufficient to ensure that any cut-  
3 backs in the CETA program administered by the Department of Community and  
4 Regional Affairs can be carried out purely by attrition and not result in  
5 Alaskan workers being forced into the ranks of the unemployed.

6 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable F. Ray Marshall,  
7 Secretary, U.S. Department of Labor; and to the Honorable Mike Gravel and the  
8 Honorable Ted Stevens, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S.  
9 Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.

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