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IN THE SENATE BY THE COMMERCE COMMITTEE

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 111

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

Requesting Alaska Airlines to reduce its regular air fares between communities in Alaska.

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

WHEREAS Alaska Airlines has filed rate increases for passenger services between Anchorage and Juneau and between other points within Alaska at least four times within the past twelve months, and twice during the period of the current legislative session; and

WHEREAS increases in passenger fares between points within Alaska served by Alaska Airlines add to the costs of conducting public and private business in the state; and

WHEREAS Alaska Airlines announced publicly that the company had higher earnings during 1977 than during any year in its history; and

WHEREAS Alaska Airlines enjoys the highest average seat utilization, nationally, of any interstate air carrier; and

WHEREAS there is substantial interest among at least two other domestic carriers, Western Airlines and Continental Airlines, for new routes to and between Alaska communities; and

WHEREAS continuing passenger service demand, as evidenced by seat utilization, when coupled with improved earnings over the single service routes flown by Alaska Airlines, strongly suggests that recent rate increases are without justification; and

WHEREAS continuing passenger service demand coupled with improved earnings also suggests that there exists valid reason for competitive commercial air service over routes now assigned exclusively to Alaska Airlines;

BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that Alaska Airlines, in its continued efforts to provide safe, reliable air service between Alaska communities served only by its aircraft, reexamine its tariff now filed with the Civil Aeronautics Board and, in light of its recent earnings history, request a reduction in its regular fares between communities served.

COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to R. F. Cosgrave, Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer, Alaska Airlines; Alexander Damm, President and Chief Operating Officer, Continental Airlines; D. P. Renda, President and Chief Operating Officer, Western Airlines; and to the Civil Aeronautics Board.