

Introduced: 2/11/80
Referred: Labor & Management

1 IN THE HOUSE

BY GARDINER AND HAYES

2 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 59

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Relating to the payment of extended
6 unemployment benefits.

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

8 WHEREAS the extended unemployment benefits program is designed to con-
9 tinue the payment of unemployment insurance benefits after regular unemploy-
10 ment benefits have expired in states with an unemployment rate for insured
11 workers which exceeds five percent; and

12 WHEREAS Alaska has been paying extended unemployment benefits contin-
13 uously since 1975; and

14 WHEREAS Alaska is only one of three states currently paying extended
15 unemployment benefits; and

16 WHEREAS the Alaska unemployment compensation law has provisions which,
17 in order to comply with 26 U.S.C. 3304, require the payment of benefits to
18 interstate claimants; and

19 WHEREAS extended unemployment benefits are paid to claimants who have
20 worked in Alaska but who reside in states with an unemployment rate for
21 insured workers which does not justify the payment of those benefits;

22 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that Congress is respect-
23 fully requested to amend 26 U.S.C. 3304 to allow a state to pay extended
24 unemployment benefits to interstate claimants only if they reside in a state
25 which may also pay extended unemployment benefits.

26 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable David L. Boren,
27 Chairman of the Senate Subcommittee on Unemployment and Related Problems; the
28 Honorable Harrison A. Williams, Chairman of the Senate Labor and Human Re-
29 sources Committee; the Honorable Carl D. Perkins, Chairman of the House

1 Education and Labor Committee; Mr. Lawrence E. Weatherford, Administrator,
2 Unemployment Insurance Service, U.S. Department of Labor; and the Honorable
3 Ted Stevens and the Honorable Mike Gravel, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable
4 Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.

5
6
7
8
9
10
11
12
13
14
15
16
17
18
19
20
21
22
23
24
25
26
27
28
29