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1 IN THE SENATE

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2 SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 6

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Directing the Legislative Council to
6 study and hold hearings on the avail-
7 ability of automobile insurance in
8 the state.

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

10 WHEREAS the legislature has been told that Alaskans have encountered
11 difficulties in obtaining and paying for insurance for the operation of their
12 automobiles; and

13 WHEREAS several companies which have been doing business in Alaska have
14 withdrawn from the Alaska market, and insurance costs have continued to rise,
15 and companies remaining in the market have become more selective in their
16 agreements to write policies; and

17 WHEREAS many Alaskans feel that they are unable to obtain the necessary
18 coverage at prices they can afford; and

19 WHEREAS the decision of some Alaskans to drive without insurance cover-
20 age is at best a high risk answer, since if an accident occurs, the driver
21 may be unable to obtain a driver's license in communities where an automobile
22 is necessary for survival; and

23 WHEREAS the impact of a decision not to insure on individuals left
24 without protection in the event of substantial physical injury or property
25 damage is extremely serious;

26 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that the Legislative
27 Council is requested to appoint an interim committee and to assign to it the
28 responsibility of investigating the conditions existing in the Alaska auto-
29 mobile insurance market and determining whether serious problems exist for

1 Alaskans seeking to acquire or maintain automobile insurance; and be it
2 FURTHER RESOLVED that this interim committee is requested to report its
3 findings and recommendations, including possible corrective legislation, to
4 the legislature not later than the convening of the Eleventh Legislature -
5 Second Session.

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