

Introduced: 5/22/80
Referred: Commerce

1 IN THE SENATE BY THE RULES COMMITTEE BY REQUEST

2 SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 26

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Relating to requested rate increases
6 by certain freight handlers.

7 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE:

8 WHEREAS both Sea-Land and Totem Ocean Trailer Express have recently
9 petitioned the Interstate Commerce Commission for an increase in the permis-
10 sible general freight rates which they may charge for the delivery of goods
11 to Alaska to become effective June 1, 1980; and

12 WHEREAS, although both Sea-Land and Totem Ocean Trailer Express claim
13 that economic hardship would result if they are not granted these increases,
14 both carriers have recently decreased the rates charged for shipping bulk
15 milk into the state from outside suppliers; and

16 WHEREAS the dairy industry in the state provides a vital product, employ-
17 ment for residents of the state, and decreases the dependency of the state on
18 outside markets; and

19 WHEREAS an increase in general freight rates will adversely affect all
20 Alaskans, it places a particularly unfair burden on local milk producers who
21 will pay increased prices for delivery of their freight, which increases will
22 be passed along to consumers and reflected in higher prices for locally
23 produced dairy products, while at the same time their out-of-state competitors
24 enjoy a reduction in freight costs; and

25 WHEREAS it is detrimental to the interests of all Alaskans to bear the
26 costs of increased freight charges and at the same time allow the same
27 carriers to lower their rates in a manner which favors out-of-state producers
28 at the expense of local producers;

29 BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Senate vigorously protests the

1 proposed general freight rate increases, particularly to the extent they have
2 the effect of favoring out-of-state industry over local industry; and be it

3 FURTHER RESOLVED that the Alaska State Senate requests Sea-Land and
4 Totem Ocean Trailer Express to reexamine their decisions requesting higher
5 general freight rates.

6 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Darius W.
7 Gaskins, Jr., Chairman of the Interstate Commerce Commission; to the Honorable
8 Ted Stevens and the Honorable Mike Gravel, U. S. Senators, and the Honorable
9 Don Young, U. S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress;
10 and to the registered agent for Sea-Land and for Totem Ocean Trailer Express.

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