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1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE LABOR AND COMMERCE
COMMITTEE BY REQUEST

2 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 49

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 TWELFTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Requesting the United States Congress
6 to exclude state unemployment in-
7 surance trust funds from the federal
8 unified budget.

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

10 WHEREAS state unemployment insurance funds are dedicated funds used
11 only for the purpose of paying unemployment compensation in the state where
12 the funds are collected; and

13 WHEREAS the present federal practice of including state unemployment
14 insurance trust funds in the unified federal budget distorts analysis of net
15 budget outlays, thus influencing spending increases or reductions in un-
16 related areas; and

17 WHEREAS no other federal program in which expenditures are so dependent
18 on state policy and state revenue is included in the unified budget; and

19 WHEREAS a commitment to support the unemployment insurance program with
20 federal funds does not require the inclusion of state unemployment insurance
21 trust funds in the unified budget; and

22 WHEREAS there is no reason to believe that removal of state unemploy-
23 ment insurance trust funds from the unified budget would encourage irrespon-
24 sible behavior on the part of individual states; and

25 WHEREAS, in the past, budgetary considerations have resulted in federal
26 intervention in unemployment insurance program areas traditionally within
27 the states' purview; and

28 WHEREAS budgetary considerations may result in further expansion of the
29 federal role in the federal-state cooperative unemployment insurance program;

1 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that Congress is respect-
2 fully requested to take action to exclude state unemployment insurance trust
3 funds from the federal unified budget.

4 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Raymond J.
5 Donovan, Secretary of Labor; the Honorable Robert J. Dole, Chairman of the
6 Senate Finance Committee; the Honorable Peter Domenici, Chairman of the
7 Senate Budget Committee; the Honorable Dan Rostenkowski, Chairman of the
8 House Ways and Means Committee; the Honorable James R. Jones, Chairman of
9 the House Budget Committee; the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable
10 Frank H. Murkowski, U.S. Senators from Alaska; the Honorable Don Young, U.S.
11 Representative from Alaska; Mr. David Stockman, Director, Office of Manage-
12 ment and Budget; Mr. Albert Angrisani, Assistant Secretary, Employment and
13 Training Administration, U.S. Department of Labor; the National Governors'
14 Association; the Interstate Conference of Employment Security Agencies; the
15 Federal Advisory Council on Unemployment Insurance; and the National Confer-
16 ence of State Legislatures.

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