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Referred: Transportation

1 IN THE SENATE

BY THE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

2 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 67

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 TWELFTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Relating to the exemption of the
6 Alaska Railroad from federal employ-
7 ment ceilings and work force reduc-
8 tions.

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

10 WHEREAS the Alaska Railroad is a viable, growing business enterprise
11 that affects many of the citizens of the State of Alaska by providing vital
12 transportation services; and

13 WHEREAS the service capacity of the Alaska Railroad is positively
14 affected by the contributions of the Alaska Railroad work force as the work
15 force generates new business; and

16 WHEREAS the generation of new business requires the addition of personnel
17 to the work force of the Alaska Railroad in order to accomodate the transpor-
18 tation needs of the service clientele; and

19 WHEREAS the Reagan administration has proposed measures intended to
20 decrease the federal deficit including implementation of employment ceilings
21 and work force reductions; and

22 WHEREAS there are indications that the Alaska Railroad may be subjected
23 to these budgetary constraints through imposition by the federal government
24 of employment ceilings and work force reductions; and

25 WHEREAS the Alaska Railroad will no longer receive congressional appro-
26 priations for major maintenance and capital improvements; and

27 WHEREAS it is inappropriate and counterproductive to subject the Alaska
28 Railroad to federal employment ceilings and work force reductions in light of
29 the unique capability of the Alaska Railroad to generate revenue for opera-

1 tional expenditures rather than merely consuming federal tax revenues; and

2 WHEREAS employment ceilings and work force reductions would adversely
3 affect the Alaska Railroad's financial ability to maximize its gross revenue
4 and profit at a time when it is growing into a viable economic unit and at a
5 time when the Alaska State Legislature is critically evaluating the potential
6 transfer in ownership of the Alaska Railroad from the federal government to
7 the State of Alaska;

8 BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests
9 the President of the United States to direct the United States Department of
10 Transportation, the Federal Railroad Administration, and the Office of Manage-
11 ment and Budget to exempt the Alaska Railroad from the imposition of employ-
12 ment ceilings and work force reductions.

13 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Ronald Reagan,
14 President of the United States, the Honorable Drew Lewis, Secretary of Trans-
15 portation; the Honorable Robert W. Blanchette, Administrator of the Federal
16 Railroad Administration; the Honorable David A. Stockman, Director of the
17 Office of Management and Budget; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the
18 Honorable Frank Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S.
19 Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.