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Commerce

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1 IN THE SENATE

BY THE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

2 CS FOR SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 82 (Transportation)

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 TWELFTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Relating to foreign common carriers
6 operating in Alaska.

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

8 WHEREAS the sparsely settled condition of much of Alaska, the tremendous
9 distances between small and large centers of population, the difficult
10 terrain, and the hazards of weather make it imperative that an adequate,
11 dependable, and available transportation service for the movement of neces-
12 sary supplies and material be maintained; and

13 WHEREAS the transportation service in Alaska is presently plagued with
14 high unemployment levels among truckers; and

15 WHEREAS the level of unemployment among truckers is exacerbated by the
16 fact that Canadian drivers and carriers are currently delivering freight to
17 points within Alaska, including the North Slope, at an increasing rate; and

18 WHEREAS during the construction of the pipeline there existed a "gentle-
19 men's agreement" that prevented Canadian drivers and carriers from making
20 deliveries within Alaska; and

21 WHEREAS truck driving jobs previously filled by Alaskans are now being
22 performed by Canadian drivers and Canadian trucking firms; and

23 WHEREAS Canadian law prevents Alaskan truckers from picking up or
24 delivering freight in Canada; and

25 WHEREAS Alaskan truckers are experienced in Arctic driving conditions,
26 making them more qualified to transport freight in Alaska from a public
27 safety viewpoint; and

28 WHEREAS Alaska and the United States have a compelling interest in
29 assuring its citizens rights to employment within their borders; and

1 WHEREAS the State of Alaska is constitutionally forbidden from inter-
2 fering with interstate commerce or entering into any agreements or contracts
3 with a foreign country; and

4 WHEREAS the federal government is the only governmental entity empowered
5 to alleviate the concerns outlined in this resolution;

6 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that the Interstate
7 Commerce Commission and Congress are respectfully encouraged to take appro-
8 priate action to remove the inequities experienced by Alaskan carriers in
9 competing for carrier business and employment in the trucking industry in
10 Alaska because of the present status afforded Canadian carriers.

11 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Ronald Reagan,
12 President of the United States; the Honorable George Bush, Vice-President of
13 the United States and President of the Senate; the Honorable Thomas P.
14 O'Neill, Jr., Speaker of the House of Representatives; the Honorable Alexander
15 M. Haig, Jr., Secretary of State; the Honorable Raymond J. Donovan, Secretary
16 of Labor; the Honorable Drew Lewis, Secretary of Transportation; the Honor-
17 able Malcolm Baldrige, Secretary of Commerce; the Honorable Charles H.
18 Percy, Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee; the Honorable
19 Reese H. Taylor, Jr., Chairman of the Interstate Commerce Commission; and to
20 the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Frank Murkowski, U.S. Senators,
21 and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska
22 delegation in Congress.

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