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1 IN THE SENATE

2 SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 35

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Relating to a legislative hall for the
6 legislature.

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

8 WHEREAS art. III, sec. 22, of the Constitution of the State of Alaska
9 provides that

10 "All executive and administrative . . . functions, powers,
11 and duties shall be allocated by law among and within (the)
12 principal departments . . ."; and

13 WHEREAS art. II, sec. 1, of the constitution grants to the legislature
14 the power of the enactment of law, subject only to the veto of a bill by
15 the governor; and

16 WHEREAS the legislature has enacted into law a requirement that no
17 contract or lease which provides for a payment in excess of \$12,000 annual-
18 ly is valid unless approved by the legislature by concurrent resolution
19 (AS 37.05.280); and

20 WHEREAS plans are now underway by the City and Borough of Juneau to
21 finance and construct a legislative hall to house the legislature of the
22 State of Alaska; and

23 WHEREAS it appears to be the intention of the City and Borough of
24 Juneau to enter into a long-term lease of the legislative hall with the
25 state; and

26 WHEREAS the legislature has not in any manner given its approval to
27 these plans; and

28 WHEREAS an executive branch which determines the seat of the legisla-
29 ture, without the approval of the legislature, disregards the doctrine of

1 the separation of powers and violates the spirit of comity between the
2 branches of government;

3 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that the legislature
4 requests the Governor of the State of Alaska, the Honorable Bill Sheffield,
5 as well as the City and Borough of Juneau to cease and desist from any plan
6 for the construction of a new legislative hall in Juneau or at any other
7 location within the state without having received the express direction of
8 the Legislature of the State of Alaska.