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1 IN THE SENATE

BY THE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

2 SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 52

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 TWELFTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Establishing the Alaska Railroad

6 Personnel Advisory Committee.

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

8 WHEREAS the United States government has expressed its determination to
9 discontinue federal operation of the Alaska Railroad at the earliest possible
10 date; and

11 WHEREAS at this time there is no realistic possibility of private
12 acquisition and operation of the railroad; and

13 WHEREAS continued operation of the railroad is possible only if the
14 state acquires the railroad from the federal government and provides for
15 operation of the railroad; and

16 WHEREAS continued operation and development of the Alaska Railroad is
17 essential to the long-term economic growth and development of the state and
18 its natural resources and will serve an important public purpose; and

19 WHEREAS continued operation of the Alaska Railroad will promote the
20 general welfare of the people of the state by providing important freight
21 and passenger service to residents of the state, to businesses of the state,
22 and to nonresidents visiting or doing business in the state; and

23 WHEREAS the service capacity of the Alaska Railroad is positively
24 affected by the contributions of the Alaska Railroad personnel; and

25 WHEREAS the expeditious transfer of the Alaska Railroad to the State of
26 Alaska hinges in part on resolution of personnel issues that arise in con-
27 junction with the transfer;

28 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that an Alaska Railroad
29 Personnel Advisory Committee is established to examine the personnel, collec-

1 tive bargaining, and employee benefit issues posed by the transfer of the
2 Alaska Railroad; and be it

3 FURTHER RESOLVED that the Alaska Railroad Personnel Advisory Committee
4 is composed of two members of the senate appointed by the president of the
5 senate; two members of the house of representatives appointed by the speaker
6 of the house; two members appointed by the governor; a person designated by
7 the general manager of the Alaska Railroad; and a representative of each
8 labor organization representing employees of the Alaska Railroad elected by
9 the membership of that organization; and be it

10 FURTHER RESOLVED that the Alaska Railroad Personnel Advisory Committee
11 elect a presiding officer from among its membership, meet to examine the
12 personnel, collective bargaining, and employee benefit issues posed by the
13 transfer of the Alaska Railroad, and report its findings and recommendations
14 to the legislature by January 30, 1983; and be it

15 FURTHER RESOLVED that the Alaska Railroad Personnel Advisory Committee
16 is terminated January 30, 1983.

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18 *1. Employees*
19 *2. Rail Service Provided.*
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