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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

Urging the granting of a broadcasting license for radio station K.I.B.H. in Seward, Alaska.

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

WHEREAS radio station K.I.B.H. formerly operated and did business in the port city of Seward, Alaska for over 25 years before October 1969; and

WHEREAS, due to the continued depressed economy experienced in Seward during the years following the 1964 earthquake-tidal wave, the owners of radio station K.I.B.H., Seward Broadcasting Corporation, were forced to cease operations, close the station, and relinquish their operating license to the Federal Communications Commission in October 1969; and

WHEREAS the dissemination and publication of local news in Seward is presently limited to one local weekly newspaper; and

WHEREAS the presence of a radio station with a daily schedule is an important asset in any community and immeasurably important to achieve an informed public in Seward; and

WHEREAS a radio station performs an extremely important and necessary function in any type of civil defense emergency situation, which may require the immediate communication of information and instructions to the residents of the adjacent areas for their safety and protection; and

WHEREAS Seward is isolated from other broadcasting stations in Anchorage (128 miles) and Kenai (95 miles) with intervening mountain ranges rendering satisfactory reception from these stations impossible; and

WHEREAS the backers of the Seward Broadcasting Corporation have exhibited a strong and sincere interest in renewing the

former license of radio station K.I.B.H. in order to restore the former operation of the station and to liquidate the indebtedness of the station; and

WHEREAS recent application has been made to the Federal Communications Commission for approval of a license for station K.I.B.H. in order to resume public services and broadcasting operations in Seward;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Sixth State Legislature urges the Federal Communications Commission to expedite this application for license so that radio station K.I.B.H. may fill the void created by forced closure of the station.

COPIES of this Resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Dean Burch, Chairman of the Federal Communications Commission; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Mike Gravel, U. S. Senators, and the Honorable Howard W. Pollock, U. S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.