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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 48

Relating to the installation of automated cranes in Seward.

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

WHEREAS the existing cranes on the Seward dock are not able to function at a rate which would make use of the dock facilities desirable to the shipping industry; and

WHEREAS shipping and general transportation activity has decreased substantially over the past few years in Seward; and

WHEREAS Seward is a year-round ice free port; and

WHEREAS the lack of adequate equipment retards the competitive spirit of the people of Seward; and

WHEREAS additional pipeline-related shipping, transportation and tourism activities could greatly assist the economic future of Seward; and

WHEREAS, also, because of the expected impact on Seward which will emanate from construction of the trans-Alaska pipeline, it is vital that the existing rail service from Seward north be maintained;

BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that the United States Department of Transportation is urgently requested to install new automated cranes on the Seward dock in sufficient numbers to enable Seward to handle proficiently the anticipated increase in shipping from that port; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department take no action to discontinue rail service from Seward north as the existing rail link is extremely important to the economic viability of the community and will become even more necessary in future years.

COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Richard M. Nixon, President of the United States; the Honorable Claude Brinegar, Secretary, Department of Transportation; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Mike Gravel, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.