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Relating to requested rate increases by certain freight handlers.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE:

WHEREAS both Sea-Land and Totem Ocean Trailer Express have recently petitioned the Interstate Commerce Commission for an increase in the permissible general freight rates which they may charge for the delivery of goods to Alaska to become effective June 1, 1980; and

WHEREAS, although both Sea-Land and Totem Ocean Trailer Express claim that economic hardship would result if they are not granted these increases, both carriers have recently decreased the rates charged for shipping bulk milk into the state from outside suppliers; and

WHEREAS the dairy industry in the state provides a vital product, employment for residents of the state, and decreases the dependency of the state on outside markets; and

WHEREAS an increase in general freight rates will adversely affect all Alaskans and places a particularly unfair burden on local milk producers who will pay increased prices for delivery of their freight, and those increases will be passed along to consumers and reflected in higher prices for locally produced dairy products, while at the same time their out-of-state competitors enjoy a reduction in freight costs; and

WHEREAS it is detrimental to the interests of all Alaskans to bear the costs of increased freight charges and at the same time allow the same carriers to lower their rates in a manner which favors out-of-state producers at the expense of local producers;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Senate vigorously protests the proposed general freight rate increases, particularly to the extent they have the effect of favoring out-of-state industry over local industry; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Alaska State Senate requests Sea-Land and Totem Ocean Trailer Express to reexamine their decisions requesting higher general freight rates.

COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Darius W. Gaskins, Jr., Chairman of the Interstate Commerce Commission; 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; and to the registered agent for Sea-Land and for Totem Ocean Trailer Express.