

Introduced by: Sewall @  
Req. of Constituents  
Date: August 21, 1990  
Action: Failed  
Vote: 7 Yes; 7 No

KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH

RESOLUTION 90-94

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE ALASKANS FOR ALASKA'S RAILROAD IN THEIR EFFORTS TO DEFEAT BALLOT MEASURE NO. 1.

WHEREAS, the Alaska Railroad is an essential link in Alaska's transportation network; and

WHEREAS, the Alaska Railroad is vital to the development and shipment of our natural resources; and

WHEREAS, the Alaska Railroad is recognized as a model for other railroads around the nation in terms of its innovative practices and its harmonious working relationship between management and labor; and

WHEREAS, Ballot Measure No. 1 reads:

AMENDMENTS RELATED TO ALASKA RAILROAD OPERATIONS. This measure would amend laws governing the Alaska Railroad. The railroad would no longer be allowed to transport freight between Alaska and other states. It could only forward freight for customers. It could only operate within Alaska. It could not give more than 60 days credit to other carriers. Its rates and agreements could not prey on other types of transport. Rate agreement and other shipper information could become public. Persons or groups could demand audits of the railroad. The legislature could demand removal of railroad board members.

WHEREAS, the passage of Ballot Measure No. 1 on the August Primary Ballot would seriously impair the railroad's ability to be run as a profitable corporation; as it was mandated to be, under the legislation which created the Alaska Railroad Corporation; and

WHEREAS, Ballot Measure No. 1 would cause the cost of food and other commodities to rise due to the lack of competition in the freight business; and

WHEREAS, the passage of Ballot Measure No. 1 could turn the Alaska Railroad into another politicized state agency requiring heavy subsidies from State government; and

WHEREAS, the employees of the Alaska Railroad have banded together into an organization ALASKANS FOR ALASKA'S RAILROAD to

bring information to the people of the State of Alaska on the effects Ballot No. 1 will have on this vital and historic railroad and the consequent increase in traffic on the highways of the state.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH:

Section 1: that the Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly hereby goes on record as supporting the ALASKANS FOR ALASKA'S RAILROAD in their efforts to defeat Ballot Measure No. 1.

ADOPTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH ON THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_ 1990.

Failed  
James W. Skogstad, Assembly President

ATTEST:

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Janet A. Sumey, Borough Clerk