HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 33

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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A RESOLUTION

1 Urging the United States Senate to decline to ratify the treaty from the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change adopted in December 1997 at Kyoto, Japan.

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

3 WHEREAS, in December 1997, the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change met in Kyoto, Japan, and adopted a treaty that would commit the United States to reducing carbon dioxide emissions to seven percent below 1990 levels; and

4 WHEREAS the claim that global warming is due to increased levels of carbon dioxide has not been scientifically proven, and scientists are continuing to investigate and debate this claim; and

5 WHEREAS the convention on climate change intended to address climate change on a global basis; and

6 WHEREAS 129 developing nations, including China, Mexico, India, Brazil, and South Korea, are exempt from the restrictions of the Kyoto treaty, putting the United States at a severe competitive disadvantage in the global economy; and

7 WHEREAS the adoption of the Kyoto treaty may lead to government control of
industry through the imposition of carbon production permits, rationing, and a tax levy on consumer carbon emissions, resulting in sharply increased costs and the loss of thousands of jobs in the United States;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature urges the United States Senate to decline to ratify the Kyoto treaty adopted by the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change under its present terms; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature urges the Congress to enact legislation prohibiting the adoption of an executive order or regulation that attempts to implement any provision of the treaty.

COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Bill Clinton, President of the United States; the Honorable Al Gore, Jr., Vice-President of the United States and president of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable J. Dennis Hastert, Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives; the Honorable Trent Lott, Majority Leader of the U.S. Senate; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Frank Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.