CS FOR HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 39(FSH)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY THE HOUSE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON FISHERIES

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Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVES AUSTERMAN, Hudson, Harris, Phillips, Morgan

A RESOLUTION

Urging the United States government to purchase surplus pink salmon for aid packages to the Balkans.

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

WHEREAS the United States has undeniably become the world's greatest military and economic power; and

WHEREAS the recent conflict in the Balkans between the Serbian and Albanian people has involved the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO); and

WHEREAS, as a member of NATO, the United States is now involved in the conflict; and

WHEREAS the conflict in the Balkans has produced hundreds of thousands of refugees; and

WHEREAS the United States, together with other NATO member nations, is now caring for many of those refugees; and

WHEREAS, in the coming weeks, the United States will help feed the Albanian refugees; and

WHEREAS most of the refugees are Albanian and, being a people of the Adriatic Sea,
have included seafood in their diets for thousands of years; and

WHEREAS food purchased by the United States Department of Agriculture must come from surplus supplies; and

WHEREAS recent record runs of Alaska pink salmon have produced a surplus of both canned and pouched pink salmon products;

BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that the United States government is strongly encouraged to purchase surplus Alaska canned and pouched pink salmon to be included in food aid packages to the Balkans.

COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Bill Clinton, President of the United States; to the Honorable Daniel R. Glickman, Secretary of the U.S. Department of Agriculture; 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.