

**SPONSOR SUBSTITUTE FOR SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 30**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTIETH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY THE SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE BY REQUEST

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Referred: Judiciary

**A RESOLUTION**

1 **Relating to the defense of Alaska from offensive nuclear attack.**

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

3 **WHEREAS** Alaska is the 49th state to enter the federal union of the United States of  
4 America and is entitled to all of the rights, privileges, and obligations that the union affords  
5 and requires; and

6 **WHEREAS** Alaska possesses natural resources, including energy, mineral, and human  
7 resources, vital to the prosperity and national security of the United States; and

8 **WHEREAS** the people of Alaska are conscious of the state's remote northern location  
9 and proximity to Northeast Asia and the Eurasian land mass, and of how that unique location  
10 places the state in a more vulnerable position than other states with regard to missiles that  
11 could be launched in Asia and Europe; and

12 **WHEREAS** the people of Alaska recognize the changing nature of the international  
13 political structure and the evolution and proliferation of missile delivery systems and weapons  
14 of mass destruction as foreign states seek the military means to deter the power of the United  
15 States in international affairs; and

16 **WHEREAS** there is a growing threat to Alaska by potential aggressors in these nations  
17 and in rogue nations that are seeking nuclear weapons capability and that have sponsored

1 international terrorism; and

2       **WHEREAS** a National Intelligence Estimate to assess missile threats to the United  
3 States left Alaska and Hawaii out of the assessment and estimate; and

4       **WHEREAS** one of the primary reasons for joining the Union of the United States of  
5 America was to gain security for the people of Alaska and for the common regulation of  
6 foreign affairs on the basis of an equitable membership in the United States federation; and

7       **WHEREAS** the United States plans to field a national missile defense, perhaps as  
8 early as 2003; this national missile defense plan will provide only a fragile defense for Alaska,  
9 the state most likely to be threatened by new missile powers that are emerging in Northeast  
10 Asia;

11       **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests the  
12 President of the United States to take all actions necessary, within the considerable limits of  
13 the resources of the United States, to protect on an equal basis all peoples and resources of  
14 this great Union from threat of missile attack regardless of the physical location of the  
15 member state; and be it

16       **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests that  
17 Alaska be included in every National Intelligence Estimate conducted by the United States  
18 joint intelligence agencies; and be it

19       **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests the  
20 President of the United States to include Alaska and Hawaii, not just the contiguous 48 states,  
21 in every National Intelligence Estimate of missile threat to the United States; and be it

22       **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature urges the United States  
23 government to take necessary measures to ensure that Alaska is protected against foreseeable  
24 threats, nuclear and otherwise, posed by foreign aggressors, including deployment of a ballistic  
25 missile defense system to protect Alaska; and be it

26       **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature conveys to the President  
27 of the United States expectations that Alaska's safety and security take priority over any  
28 international treaty or obligation and that the President take whatever action is necessary to  
29 ensure that Alaska can be defended against limited missile attacks with the same degree of  
30 assurance as that provided to all other states; and be it

31       **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests that

1 the appropriate Congressional committees hold hearings in Alaska that include defense experts  
2 and administration officials to help Alaskans understand their risks, their level of security, and  
3 Alaska's vulnerability.

4 **COPIES** of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Bill Clinton, President of the  
5 United States; the Honorable Al Gore, Jr., Vice-President of the United States and President  
6 of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable Newt Gingrich, Speaker of the U.S. House of  
7 Representatives; the Honorable Ted Stevens, Chair of the U.S. Senate Committee on  
8 Appropriations; the Honorable Bob Livingston, Chair of the U.S. House of Representatives  
9 Committee on Appropriations; the Honorable Strom Thurmond, Chair of the U.S. Senate  
10 Committee on Armed Services; the Honorable Floyd Spence, Chair of the U.S. House of  
11 Representatives Committee on National Security; and to the Honorable Frank Murkowski, U.S.  
12 Senator, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska  
13 delegation in Congress.