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Urging our United States Senators to work to allow a timely vote on the floor on all judicial nominations.

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

WHEREAS art. II, sec. 2, of the United States Constitution states that the President "shall nominate, and by and with the Advice and Consent of the Senate, shall appoint Ambassadors, other public Ministers and Consuls, Judges of the Supreme Court, and all other Officers of the United States"; and

WHEREAS the Administrative Office of the United States Courts has classified 24 judgeships as "judicial emergencies"; and

WHEREAS 46 of President George W. Bush's judicial nominees are pending before the United States Senate; and

WHEREAS 50 percent of President Bush's Court of Appeals nominations have been to fill seats classified as judicial emergencies; and

WHEREAS 54 percent of President Bush's District Court nominations have been to fill seats classified as judicial emergencies; and

WHEREAS a minority of senators have used dilatory tactics to prevent a Senate floor

vote on six of President Bush's judicial nominees, all of whom were reported favorably by the Committee on the Judiciary; and

WHEREAS each of President Bush's judicial nominees reported favorably by the Committee on the Judiciary enjoys the support of a majority of the United States Senate, as required by the United States Constitution;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature urges our United States Senators to work to allow a timely vote on the floor of the United States Senate on all judicial nominations.

COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable George W. Bush, President of the United States; the Honorable Richard B. Cheney, Vice-President of the United States and President of the U.S. Senate; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Lisa Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.