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## JOINT RESOLUTION

Relating to Alaska fishery resources.

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

WHEREAS the fishing industry constitutes a very important part of the economy of Alaska and the growth, modernization, and diversification of the industry is necessary for the progress of the state; and

WHEREAS Alaska fisheries are threatened by the influx of the large foreign fishing fleets; and

WHEREAS the United States now imports more than 70 per cent of its seafood products consumed in this country; and

WHEREAS any action which would make the harvesting of the fisheries resources off the coast of Alaska less costly to the foreign fleets would represent a stumbling block in the path of the state's progress; and

WHEREAS while Alaska encourages foreign investment and looks with favor on foreign facilities built in the state using Alaska labor and resources, it must still protest any action by the United States Department of State which would permit foreign fishing vessels and crews, other than Canadian which are exempted by international treaty, to use any Alaska port for fuel, water, rest and recreation purposes or for the delivery for shipment or processing of fish caught by these same vessels;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Secretary of State of the United States is respectfully requested to refuse access to Alaska ports for foreign fishing vessels, other than Canadian which are exempted by international treaty, for purposes of taking on fuel and water, for rest and recreation and shipping or

processing of fish.

COPIES of this Resolution shall be sent to The Honorable Lyndon B. Johnson, President of the United States; The Honorable Dean Rusk, Secretary of State; The Honorable Henry Jackson and The Honorable Warren Magnuson, U.S. Senators; The Honorable Tom Pelly, U.S. Representative; The Honorable Donald L. McKernan, Special Assistant to the Secretary of State; The Honorable Harold E. Crowther, Director of the U.S. Bureau of Commercial Fisheries; and The Honorable E.L. Bartlett and The Honorable Ernest Gruening, U.S. Senators, and The Honorable Howard W. Pollock, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.