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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 87

Relating to the reduction of manpower in the United States Coast Guard.

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

WHEREAS, beginning this month, the United States Coast Guard will begin reducing its current manpower by five per cent under orders of President Nixon; and

WHEREAS this cutback in the Coast Guard's manpower means the deactivation of 1,700 officers and men along with ten cutters, three aircraft, two LORAN stations, and one ocean vessel station; and

WHEREAS continuously for many years Alaska has requested more Coast Guard vessels and men to more adequately patrol our vast coastlines, protect our fisheries from the blatant intrusion of foreign vessels, and perform more never-ending search and rescue operations; and

WHEREAS Alaskans have been told that additional craft and manpower requested could not be released from other duty stations and transferred to Alaska; and

WHEREAS Alaska is desperately in need of more fisheries surveillance and search and rescue operations, the present complement of Coast Guard equipment currently in Alaska being totally inadequate to ensure the sanctity of our waters and resources and protection of lives and property:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska Legislature that it protests vigorously the reduction of Coast Guard manpower and the deactivation of enforcement ships when Alaska is in urgent need

of additional Coast Guard patrol capabilities in Alaska; and
be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the President is urged to reassess his ordered cutback in the current manpower of the United States Coast Guard and to direct the immediate reassignment of some of the men and ships to be deactivated to the jurisdiction of the Seventeenth Coast Guard District.

COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Richard M. Nixon, President of the United States; the Honorable John A. Volpe, Secretary, Department of Transportation; Admiral Chester R. Bender, Commandant, United States Coast Guard; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Mike Gravel, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Nick Begich, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.