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## SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 57

Opposing S. 2815.

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

WHEREAS the Congress of the United States presently is considering S. 2815, by Senator Hart of Michigan and Senator Harris of Oklahoma, that would require all citizens to surrender handguns to the federal government within 180 days of the passage of the measure, except for law officers, licensed security guards or members of licensed gun clubs with locked storage places using the guns for bona fide target, sport shooting or other legitimate recreational purposes; and

WHEREAS those turning in the handguns would receive in return whatever the federal government adjudged the "fair market value" of the weapon, and the penalty for failure to surrender the handgun would be as much as a \$5,000 fine and five years in federal prison; and

WHEREAS the prohibition of the Act also would extend to handgun ammunition; and

WHEREAS the legislation further would prohibit the importation, manufacture, sale, purchase, transfer, receipt, possession, or transportation of handguns except for or by members of the armed forces, law enforcement officials and, as authorized by the Secretary of the Treasury, licensed importers, manufacturers, dealers, antique collectors and pistol clubs; and

WHEREAS in the judgment of the Alaska Legislature this legislation violates a citizen's right to keep and bear arms for his own protection or for legitimate recreational use; and

WHEREAS Alaska's vast expanses of uninhabited land masses create unique circumstances wherein the use of handguns for protection while trapping, sport fishing, prospecting or traveling through the state is of major importance;

BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska Legislature that it opposes the enactment of S. 2815.

COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Richard M. Nixon, President of the United States; the Honorable James O. Eastland, Chairman, U.S. Senate Committee on Judiciary; the Honorable Philip Hart, U.S. Senator; the Honorable Fred Harris, U.S. Senator; 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.