



Alaska State Legislature

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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 34

Opposing S. 1033.

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

WHEREAS S. 1033, recently introduced into the United States Congress, would, if enacted, ban the export of lumber; and

WHEREAS almost all of the sawmill production of Alaska mills is exported to Japan in sizes that would be prohibited by S. 1033; and

WHEREAS increasing wage, transportation, and environmental control costs make it absolutely impossible for Alaska sawmills to compete in any manner in the domestic markets of the United States; and

WHEREAS, except for a relatively insignificant number of local domestic small family sawmills, Alaska's sawmills cannot even compete within Alaska against lumber imports from the west coast of the United States and Canada; and

WHEREAS, under these circumstances, the only effect of the proposed ban as it applies to Alaskan lumber exports would be to break the chain of interdependence vital to the continued life of Alaska's timber industry; and

WHEREAS if S. 1033 were enacted and applied to Alaska it would have the devastating effect of completing wiping out the largest industry in southeastern Alaska and the third largest in the entire state; and

WHEREAS at the same time such a ban on Alaska lumber exports

would have the additional ill effect of depriving the United States of much needed favorable trade balances;

BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska Legislature that it registers its most vigorous protest and opposition to S. 1033 and urges the Congress to defeat this proposal unless Alaska is exempted from the provisions of the Act.

COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Richard M. Nixon, President of the United States; the Honorable Fredrick B. Dent, Secretary, Department of Commerce; the Honorable John J. Sparkman, Chairman, Senate Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs Committee; the Honorable Russell B. Long, Chairman, Senate Commerce Committee; the Honorable Herman E. Talmadge, Chairman, Senate Agriculture and Forestry Committee; the Honorable W. R. Poage, Chairman, House Agriculture Committee; the Honorable Harley O. Staggers, Chairman, House Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Mike Gravel, U. S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U. S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.