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Regarding the recent decision prohibiting the transportation of sealed handguns through Canada.

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

WHEREAS the United States and Canada have a long history of friendly relations; and

WHEREAS citizens of the United States and Canada have historically passed over our common border with a minimum of procedural formalities; and

WHEREAS this custom has been exemplified on the common borders between the State of Alaska and the Yukon Territory and British Columbia; and

WHEREAS Alaskan residents of the United States traveling between southeastern Alaska and the remainder of the state by automobile must necessarily use the Canadian portion of the "Alaska Highway"; and

WHEREAS Alaskan residents traveling this highway have customarily been allowed to carry handguns between points in Alaska when the gun is sealed by Canadian authorities; and

WHEREAS a recent decision of the Canadian Department of Revenue, Customs, and Excises that this privilege will terminate June 15, 1978 has been announced; and

WHEREAS this decision will cause substantial inconvenience to Alaskan residents traveling through Canada;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature, on behalf of the residents of Alaska, respectfully requests the United States Department of State to urge the Government of Canada to reconsider this decision and to continue the existing policy of

allowing Alaskan citizens of the United States to pass through Canada between two points in Alaska with handguns sealed by Canadian authorities.

COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Cyrus R. Vance, Secretary of State of the United States; the Honorable Thomas O. Enders, the United States Ambassador to Canada; the Honorable William Richards Bennett, Premier of British Columbia; the Honorable A. M. Pearson, Commissioner of the Yukon Territory; 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.