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Relating to U.S. Customs Service offices on the West Coast.

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

WHEREAS the promotion of international trade with Pacific Rim countries is essential to the economic prosperity of Alaska and the United States; and

WHEREAS the uniform regulation of all West Coast ports by the United States Customs Service provides continuity and is essential to the continued growth of international trade in the Pacific Basin; and

WHEREAS the efficient operation of West Coast ports is of paramount importance in the effort to bring about a reduction in the balance of trade deficit this country is currently experiencing; and

WHEREAS discussions are being held at the federal level to separate Alaska, Washington, and Oregon into the jurisdiction of a customs office headquartered in Chicago, Illinois, while leaving California under the jurisdiction of a customs office headquartered in Los Angeles, California; and

WHEREAS the proposed separation would necessarily result in a lack of uniformity in the operations of customs to the inevitable detriment of international trade activities;

BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that the United States Customs Service is urged to maintain its current uniform jurisdiction over all West Coast ports, and to increase the number of customs inspectors to ensure the expeditious movement of trade through West Coast ports.

COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable

Ronald Reagan, President of the United States; the Honorable James Baker, Secretary of the Treasury; the Honorable William Von Raab, Commissioner of the United States Customs Service; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Frank Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.