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Relating to a proposed federal ban on the export of crude oil and refined oil products.

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

WHEREAS a limited amount of crude oil from state-owned submerged land in Cook Inlet will be exported to Pacific Rim nations beginning in 1987; and

WHEREAS the federal government has determined that these exports are in the best interest of the state, the United States, and their Pacific Rim trading partners, and has adopted the regulations necessary to permit the exports to take place; and

WHEREAS the construction financing of a new refinery that has been proposed for the state is likely to be based on the partial sale that is permitted by current federal law of the refinery's output of refined oil products to Pacific Rim nations; and

WHEREAS other states are currently exporting approximately 617,000 barrels a day of refined oil products; and

WHEREAS the export of refined oil products benefits the economy and balance of trade of the United States; and

WHEREAS, without a hearing, the United States House Subcommittee on International Economic Policy and Trade added to H.R. 3, the House Omnibus Trade Bill, sec. 331, which would prohibit the export of all domestically produced crude oil, as well as the export of all refined oil products from a refinery that exports more than 33 percent of its production; and

WHEREAS sec. 331 would effectively cancel existing state crude oil export contracts to China and Korea, and prevent the construction of the new state refinery project that was developed

under existing law; and

WHEREAS the proposed export limitation of sec. 331 is aimed specifically at the proposed refinery project in the state; and

WHEREAS the proposed federal ban on the export of crude oil and refined oil products would prevent the state from receiving significant economic benefits during a time of statewide recession; and

WHEREAS existing federal law provides for a vigorous review of proposed oil exports to assure that the exports are in the national interest;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature strongly urges the United States Congress to delete sec. 331 from H.R. 3, the House Omnibus Trade Bill, before the bill is passed.

COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Ronald Reagan, President of the United States; the Honorable George Bush, Vice-President of the United States and President of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable Jim Wright, Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives; the Honorable Robert Byrd, Majority Leader of the U.S. Senate; 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.