

CS FOR SPONSOR SUBSTITUTE FOR SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 5(RLS)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

NINETEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE SENATE RULES COMMITTEE

Offered: 4/27/96

Referred: Today's Calendar

Sponsor(s): SENATORS DONLEY, Halford, Kelly, Phillips, Pearce, Green, Leman, Taylor, Hoffman

REPRESENTATIVE Green

A RESOLUTION

1 **Supporting an amendment to the Constitution of the United States establishing the**
2 **rights of victims of crimes.**

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

4 **WHEREAS**, in applying and interpreting the vital guarantees of the United States
5 Constitution that protect all citizens, the criminal justice system has lost an essential balance;
6 and

7 **WHEREAS** the criminal justice system has not provided adequate protection to the
8 innocent, the honest, and the helpless victims of crime; and

9 **WHEREAS** in 1982 the president’s Task Force on Victims of Crime recommended
10 an amendment to the Constitution of the United States addressing victims’ rights; and

11 **WHEREAS**, under Article V of the Constitution of the United States, amendments to
12 the Constitution of the United States may be proposed by the Congress of the United States
13 or, upon the application of the legislatures of two-thirds of the states, the Congress shall call
14 a constitutional convention for the purpose of proposing amendments; and

15 **WHEREAS** there is currently before the Congress for consideration a proposed
16 victims’ rights amendment;

1 **BE IT RESOLVED** by the Alaska State Legislature that the Congress of the United
2 States is requested to act on the proposed victims' rights amendment that is before it and
3 submit to the states an amendment to the Sixth Amendment to the Constitution of the United
4 States.

5 **COPIES** of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Bill Clinton, President of the
6 United States; to Sheila P. Burke, the Secretary of the U.S. Senate; to Robin Hewlett Carle,
7 the Clerk of the U.S. House of Representatives; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the
8 Honorable Frank Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S.
9 Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.