

CS FOR SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 4(FIN)
IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
TWENTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY THE SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Offered: 2/10/99

Referred: Rules

Sponsor(s): SENATORS TIM KELLY, Pete Kelly, Taylor, Mackie, Miller, Wilken, Leman, Donley

A RESOLUTION

1 Relating to a national ballistic missile defense system.

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

3 WHEREAS the collapse of the Soviet Union has rendered obsolete the treaty
4 constraints and diplomatic understandings that limited the development and deployment of
5 weapons of mass destruction and their delivery systems during the Cold War; and

6 WHEREAS the world has consequently witnessed during this decade an unprecedented
7 proliferation of sophisticated military technology, including nuclear, chemical, and biological
8 weapons and ballistic missiles; and

9 WHEREAS the United States has recognized that it currently has no means of
10 protecting all of its citizens from attack by these new threats and has initiated a program to
11 develop and deploy a national ballistic missile defense system; and

12 WHEREAS four locations in the state are currently being considered as sites for
13 deployment of the intercept vehicles for this system; and

14 WHEREAS each of these locations provides the unmatched military value of a
15 strategic location from which Americans living in all 50 states can be defended as required
16 by the United States Constitution; and

17 WHEREAS, throughout Alaska's history as a territory and a state, Alaska's citizens

1 have been unwavering in their support of a strong national defense while warmly welcoming
2 the men and women of our armed forces stationed here;

3 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Twenty-First Alaska State Legislature calls upon the
4 President, as Commander In Chief of the Armed Forces of the United States, to provide for
5 the common defense of our nation by selecting an Alaska site for the deployment of the
6 national ballistic missile defense system; and be it

7 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Twenty-First Alaska State Legislature requests that,
8 in the development and operation of a national ballistic missile defense system in Alaska, the
9 United States Department of Defense provide adequate protection from any danger posed by
10 the system to local residents.

11 **COPIES** of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Bill Clinton, President of the
12 United States; the Honorable William S. Cohen, Secretary of the U.S. Department of Defense;
13 the Honorable Floyd D. Spence, Chair, Committee on Armed Services, U.S. House of
14 Representatives; the Honorable John Warner, Chair, Committee on Armed Services, U.S.
15 Senate; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Frank Murkowski, U.S. Senators,
16 and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in
17 Congress.