

CS FOR HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 31(MLV)
IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
TWENTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE HOUSE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON MILITARY AND VETERANS' AFFAIRS

Offered: 2/1/02

Referred: State Affairs

Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVE OGAN

A RESOLUTION

1 **Relating to requesting the United States Congress to propose an amendment to the**
2 **Constitution of the United States that would establish procedures to ensure that the**
3 **United States Congress will continue to function after emergencies that cause many**
4 **vacancies in the body.**

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

6 **WHEREAS** the terrible events of September 11, 2001, have again demonstrated that
7 the United States is vulnerable to attack by terrorists; and

8 **WHEREAS** terrorists or other enemies of the United States have focused attacks on
9 important seats of governmental power; and

10 **WHEREAS** the Constitution of the United States has procedures that are silent in
11 regard to enabling the United States Congress to continue to function if a majority of its seats
12 were to become vacant due to an attack on the United States or as a result of a natural disaster
13 or other emergency;

14 **BE IT RESOLVED** by the Alaska State Legislature that the Congress of the United
15 States is respectfully requested to propose and submit to the states an amendment to the

1 Constitution of the United States that would establish procedures to ensure that the United
2 States Congress will continue to function after emergencies that cause many vacancies in the
3 body.

4 **COPIES** of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Thomas Daschle, Majority
5 Leader of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable Trent Lott, Minority Leader of the U.S. Senate; the
6 Honorable J. Dennis Hastert, Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives; the Honorable
7 Richard A. Gephardt, Minority Leader of the U.S. House of Representatives; and to the
8 Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Frank Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and the
9 Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.