

HOUSE CS FOR SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 7(EDT)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

**BY THE HOUSE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, INTERNATIONAL TRADE,
AND TOURISM**

Offered: 4/2/03

Referred: State Affairs

Sponsor(s): SENATE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON WORLD TRADE AND STATE/FEDERAL RELATIONS

A RESOLUTION

1 **Expressing support for Vancouver, British Columbia's, bid for the 2010 Olympic**
2 **Winter Games and the Paralympic Winter Games.**

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

4 **WHEREAS** Alaska and British Columbia, Canada, are neighbors who share close
5 economic, cultural, historic, and athletic ties; and

6 **WHEREAS** Alaska and British Columbia provide world-class facilities for outdoor
7 and indoor winter recreation and sports; and

8 **WHEREAS** Alaska and British Columbia enjoy a long history of friendly competition
9 in all winter sports of the Olympic Winter Games and the Paralympic Winter Games; and

10 **WHEREAS** a close relationship has developed between Alaska and British Columbia
11 by working together on world-class civic events such as the 1986 World's Fair in Vancouver,
12 British Columbia, Canada, and by sharing the economic benefits of other world-class events;
13 and

14 **WHEREAS** the Olympic Winter Games and the Paralympic Winter Games provide
15 worldwide exposure and promotion for the host city and the surrounding region; and

16 **WHEREAS** the 2002 Olympic Winter Games and Paralympic Winter Games in Salt

1 Lake City, Utah, generated over \$1,000,000,000 in revenue and spending in the entire western
2 region of the United States; and

3 **WHEREAS** a successful bid for the 2010 Olympic Winter Games and Paralympic
4 Winter Games is projected to create over 250,000 new jobs and generate up to
5 \$10,000,000,000 in economic activity for British Columbia and increase its media attention;
6 and

7 **WHEREAS**, if Vancouver's bid is successful, the entire economy, particularly the
8 tourism industry, emerging industries, and small businesses of the Pacific Northwest area of
9 the United States and Canada will benefit from an estimated \$6,000,000,000 of worldwide
10 media attention; and

11 **WHEREAS** benefits from hosting the 2010 Olympic Winter Games and Paralympic
12 Winter Games would continue to accrue with increased tourism even 10 years after the
13 games;

14 **BE IT RESOLVED** that, in the spirit of friendship, the Alaska State Legislature fully
15 supports Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, in its effort to win the right to host the 2010
16 Olympic Winter Games and Winter Paralympic Games.

17 **COPIES** of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Jean Chretien, Prime
18 Minister of Canada; the Honorable Gordon Campbell, Premier of British Columbia, Canada;
19 the Honorable Larry W. Campbell, Mayor of Vancouver, British Columbia; Mr. Jacques
20 Rogge, President of the International Olympic Committee; Mr. Lloyd D. Ward, Chief
21 Executive Officer and Secretary General of the United States Olympic Committee; Mr. John
22 Furlong, President and Chief Operating Officer of the Vancouver 2010 Bid Corporation; the
23 Honorable Ted Stevens, President Pro Tempore of the U.S. Senate and member of the Alaska
24 Delegation in Congress; and to the Honorable Lisa Murkowski, U.S. Senator, and the
25 Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.