

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 33

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
TWENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE BY REQUEST

Introduced: 4/7/04

Referred: State Affairs, Judiciary

A RESOLUTION

1 **Urging our United States Senators to work to allow a timely vote on the floor on all**
2 **judicial nominations.**

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

4 **WHEREAS** Article II, Section 2 of the United States Constitution states that the
5 President "shall nominate, and by and with the Advice and Consent of the Senate, shall
6 appoint Ambassadors, other public Ministers and Consuls, Judges of the Supreme Court, and
7 all other Officers of the United States"; and

8 **WHEREAS** the Administrative Office of the United States Courts has classified 22
9 judgeships as "judicial emergencies"; and

10 **WHEREAS** 43 of President George W. Bush's judicial nominees are pending before
11 the United States Senate; and

12 **WHEREAS** 63 percent of President Bush's Court of Appeals nominations have been
13 to fill seats classified as judicial emergencies; and

14 **WHEREAS** 42 percent of President Bush's District Court nominations have been to
15 fill seats classified as judicial emergencies; and

16 **WHEREAS** a minority of senators have used dilatory tactics to prevent a Senate floor

1 vote on six of President Bush's judicial nominees, all of whom were reported favorably by the
2 Committee on the Judiciary; and

3 **WHEREAS** each of President Bush's judicial nominees reported favorably by the
4 Committee on the Judiciary enjoys the support of a majority of the United States Senate, as
5 required by the United States Constitution;

6 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature urges our United States
7 Senators to work to allow a timely vote on the floor of the United States Senate on all judicial
8 nominations.

9 **COPIES** of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable George W. Bush, President
10 of the United States; the Honorable Richard B. Cheney, Vice-President of the United States
11 and President of the U.S. Senate; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Lisa
12 Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of
13 the Alaska delegation in Congress.