

CS FOR SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 12(JUD)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY THE SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

Offered: 3/29/05

Referred: Rules

Sponsor(s): SENATOR THERRIAULT

A RESOLUTION

1 **Requesting the United States Senate to move quickly to a majority floor vote of the**
2 **United States Senate on all nominations by President George W. Bush to the United**
3 **States Supreme Court.**

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

5 **WHEREAS** art. II, sec. 2, Constitution of the United States, states that the President
6 "shall nominate, and by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, shall appoint
7 ambassadors, other public ministers and consuls, judges of the Supreme Court, and all other
8 officers of the United States"; and

9 **WHEREAS** there is a high likelihood of at least one vacancy on the United States
10 Supreme Court during the 109th Congress; and

11 **WHEREAS** there is a possibility of the need to elevate a sitting justice on the United
12 States Supreme Court to the position of Chief Justice during the 109th Congress; and

13 **WHEREAS** activist judges on some federal courts have frustrated the constitutional
14 structure that prescribes that laws shall be written by elected legislatures; and

15 **WHEREAS** President George W. Bush has expressed his commitment to appoint

1 federal judges who will strictly interpret the United States Constitution; and

2 **WHEREAS**, in the past, a minority of senators has used dilatory tactics to prevent a
3 Senate floor vote on several of President George W. Bush's judicial nominees, all of whom
4 were reported favorably by the United States Senate Committee on the Judiciary;

5 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature requests the United States
6 Senate to move quickly to a majority floor vote of the United States Senate on all nominations
7 by President George W. Bush to the United States Supreme Court.

8 **COPIES** of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable George W. Bush, President
9 of the United States; the Honorable Richard B. Cheney, Vice-President of the United States
10 and President of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable Bill Frist, Majority Leader of the U.S. Senate;
11 the Honorable Harry Reid, Minority Leader of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable Frank H.
12 Murkowski, Governor of Alaska; and the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Lisa
13 Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of
14 the Alaska delegation in Congress.