

**HOUSE CS FOR CS FOR SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 12(JUD)**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

**BY THE HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE**

**Offered: 5/4/05**

**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 **WHEREAS** the Alaska State Legislature respects our delegation's individual  
6 decisions on how each member of the delegation encourages members of the United States  
7 Senate to quickly bring judicial nominees to the Senate floor for a majority floor vote;

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

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