

1 IN THE HOUSE

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HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 11

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE TERRITORY OF ALASKA

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TWENTY-FIRST SESSION

5 TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES; TO THE SENATE AND HOUSE  
6 OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE UNITED STATES; AND TO THE DEPARTMENT  
7 OF THE INTERIOR:

8 Your Memorialist, the Legislature of the Territory of  
9 Alaska in Twenty-first Session assembled, respectfully submits  
10 that:

11 WHEREAS, the people of the Territory of Alaska have, by  
12 an overwhelming referendum vote of 20,544 to 3,479, demanded  
13 that they be given self-control of the fisheries of the  
14 Territory; and

15 WHEREAS, repeated legislation has been introduced in the  
16 Congress of the United States by delegates of the Territory  
17 of Alaska asking that the people of Alaska have extended to  
18 them the same right of control over their major natural resource  
19 as is granted the several states; and

20 WHEREAS, the Territorial Legislature has heretofore  
21 created and appropriated monies to a Territorial Fisheries  
22 Department and an Alaskan Fishery Board; and

23 WHEREAS, the people of Alaska, by their mandate have shown  
24 their displeasure with the present administrative agency and  
25 its regulations, and have expressed their confidence and belief  
26 in the Alaska Department of Fisheries; and

27 WHEREAS, public hearings held for the purpose of  
28 formulating policies and regulations pertaining to the control  
29 of this major industry should be held at times when fishing

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1 conditions may be more readily ascertainable than at the present  
2 meetings six months prior to the opening of any fishing season,  
3 and all such hearings should be held within the Territory of  
4 Alaska; and

5 WHEREAS, the Alaska Department of Fisheries has been  
6 functioning in an orderly and efficient manner for nearly four  
7 years, and are now in a position to readily expand and assume  
8 the duties and responsibilities incident to full control of the  
9 fisheries of Alaska with a minimum of delay and inconvenience;  
10 and

11 WHEREAS, it is an affront to the people of Alaska that  
12 their continued pleas for the right to manage and control  
13 their major industry and resource have gone unheeded;

14 NOW THEREFORE, your Memorialist, the Legislature of the  
15 Territory of Alaska in Twenty-first Session assembled,  
16 respectfully prays that the Congress of the United States,  
17 in accordance with the mandate of the people of Alaska, take  
18 immediate action to transfer control of the fisheries of  
19 Alaska to the government of the Territory of Alaska,

20 AND YOUR MEMORIALIST WILL EVER PRAY.  
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