

BY THE RULES COMMITTEE
BY REQUEST

1 IN THE HOUSE

2 HOUSE MEMORIAL NO. 7

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 FIRST LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 TO THE HONORABLE DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED
6 STATES; THE HONORABLE HUGH J. WADE, ACTING GOVERNOR OF ALASKA; THE
7 HONORABLE FRED A. SEATON, SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR; THE HONORABLE
8 JOHN FOSTER DULLES, SECRETARY OF STATE; THE HONORABLE E. L.
9 BARTLETT AND THE HONORABLE ERNEST GRUENING, SENATORS FROM ALASKA;
10 AND THE HONORABLE RALPH J. RIVERS, REPRESENTATIVE FROM ALASKA:

11 Your Memorialist, the House of Representatives of the State
12 of Alaska in First Legislature, First Session assembled respect-
13 fully submits that:

14 WHEREAS, the Federal government negotiated a treaty with
15 Japan in 1952 which covered fishing rights in Alaskan waters; and

16 WHEREAS, this treaty and subsequent conventions have left
17 Alaskan and other American fishermen at a disadvantage due to the
18 type of fishing gear which only the Japanese use and are authorized
19 to use; and

20 WHEREAS, Federal and state authorities have established that
21 indiscriminate Japanese fishing under the treaty has nearly de-
22 pleted the fishing runs in the Bristol Bay area of Alaska; and

23 WHEREAS, due to this depletion the U. S. Department of the
24 Interior has announced the closure of the Bristol Bay fishery to
25 commercial fishing during the 1959 season; and

26 WHEREAS, the livelihood of three thousand residents of that
27 area will now be drastically affected by the closure since fishing
28 is their main source of income;

29 NOW THEREFORE, your Memorialist urges that the President of

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1 the United States and the Governor of Alaska proclaim the Bristol
2 Bay area of Alaska a national disaster area and immediately
3 institute relief or public works programs for these citizens who
4 have suffered and will continue to suffer from the disastrous
5 effects of a treaty negotiated by the national government.

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