IN THE SENATE BY SENATOR PERATROVICH

SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 10

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

FIRST LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

TO THE HONORABLE LYNDON JOHNSON, SENATE MAJORITY LEADER; TO THE HONORABLE WARREN G. MAGNUSON, CHAIRMAN OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON INTERSTATE AND FOREIGN COMMERCE AND THE SENATE SUBCOMMITTEE ON MERCHANT MARINE AND FISHERIES; AND TO THE HONORABLE E. L. BARTLETT AND THE HONORABLE ERNEST GRUENING, SENATORS FROM ALASKA:

Your Memorialist, the Legislature of the State of Alaska in First Session assembled, respectfully represents:

WHEREAS, salmon fishing is a main support of the economy of the citizens of the State of Alaska; and

WHEREAS, Japanese nationals are seriously threatening the depletion and destruction of salmon runs in Alaska and more particularly in the Bristol Bay Area by high seas fishing; and

WHEREAS, many American fishermen, and more particularly the residents of the Bristol Bay Area, will be deprived of their traditional means of livelihood, without hope of relief since at present no other employment is available within the area nor is there a substitute use for the salmon processing plants; and

WHEREAS, Alaskans are the most vitally interested American citizens in this matter and hearings have been held in places where distances make attendence by Alaskans difficult;

NOW THEREFORE, Your Memorialist does respectfully request that the United States Senate Subcommittee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries meet with representatives of the Legislature of the State of Alaska and hold public hearings in Juneau, Alaska, to

determine or ascertain the effect of high seas fishing upon the salmon runs of Alaskan origin and other related matters, with a view toward developing Federal Legislation or other action as may be appropriate to safeguard the rights and interests of American fishermen.

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