

1 IN THE SENATE

BY SENATOR OWEN

2 SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 24

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 JOHN FOSTER DULLES, SECRETARY OF STATE; THE
7 HONORABLE NEIL S. MCELROY, SECRETARY OF DEFENSE; THE HONORABLE
8 E. L. BARTLETT AND THE HONORABLE ERNEST GRUENING, U. S. SENATORS
9 FROM ALASKA; AND THE HONORABLE RALPH J. RIVERS, U. S. REPRESENTA-
10 TIVE FROM ALASKA:

11 Your Memorialist, the Legislature of the State of Alaska in
12 First Legislature, First Session assembled, respectfully submits
13 that:

14 WHEREAS, it has been officially ascertained that a large con-
15 centration of Russian vessels is now off the Bering Sea coast of
16 Alaska; and

17 WHEREAS, the activities and intent of this flotilla are as
18 yet undetermined; and

19 WHEREAS, a similar concentration of vessels of another
20 foreign nation occurred some 25 or 30 years ago in the same area
21 with subsequent disaster to the United States; and

22 WHEREAS, in the light of the historic unreliability of
23 Russian explanations for the various activities of Russians in
24 several areas of the free world it behooves us to be on the alert;
25 and

26 WHEREAS, eternal vigilance continues to be the price of
27 liberty;

28 NOW THEREFORE, Your Memorialist urges the President of the
29 United States to forthwith strengthen the air, sea and ground

1 forces of the nation in Alaska in order to have the necessary
2 personnel, equipment and material on hand on this vital defense
3 frontier to forestall any hostile action or cope with any con-
4 tingency which might arise.

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