

1 IN THE SENATE BY SENATORS RYAN AND LOGAN
2 SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 34
3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
4 FIRST LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION
5 TO THE HONORABLE CHRISTIAN A. HERTER, SECRETARY OF STATE; THE
6 HONORABLE FRED A. SEATON, SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR; THE
7 HONORABLE E. L. BARTLETT AND THE HONORABLE ERNEST GRUENING,
8 SENATORS FROM ALASKA; THE HONORABLE RALPH J. RIVERS, REPRESENTATIVE
9 FROM ALASKA; AND THE INTERNATIONAL NORTH PACIFIC FISHERIES
10 COMMISSION:

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

14 WHEREAS, there is a pressing need for conservation of fish-
15 ery resources, sound and aggressive policy by this nation over
16 the living sea resources lying in adjacent territorial and high
17 seas waters is essential to that need; and

18 WHEREAS, the nations of the world are expanding their fishing
19 activities at an alarming rate to meet the needs of their explod-
20 ing populations; and

21 WHEREAS, some of the richest, if not the richest, living
22 seas resources in the world lie adjacent to Alaska's coastline;
23 and

24 WHEREAS, the chief economy of this state, both present and
25 future, lies in the continued development of its living seas
26 resources on the principle of sustained yield; and

27 WHEREAS, other nations, perhaps in violation of international
28 law, are nonetheless claiming national sovereignty in high seas
29 areas along their coastlines; and

1 WHEREAS, the United States can and has claimed title to the
2 continental shelf lands and subsoil under the Outer Continental
3 Shelf Lands Act of 1953; and

4 WHEREAS, the maintenance of a three mile limit is generally
5 conceded to be doomed to abrogation as a rule of international
6 law within the near future; and

7 WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of this nation and its
8 people to secure the continued yield of fish and other living sea
9 resources in perpetuity through sound management and conservation
10 by the adjacent coastal states;

11 NOW THEREFORE, Your Memorialist requests support and advocacy
12 for the extension of United States jurisdiction over the living
13 resources of the adjacent high seas by every legal means avail-
14 able. Your Memorialist supports and advocates both the widening
15 of the territorial seas and the amendment of the Outer Continental
16 Shelf Lands Act of 1953 to include regulatory control of fisheries
17 resources or either of them.