

1 IN THE SENATE BY SENATOR BRONSON
2 SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 35
3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
4 FIRST LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION
5 TO THE HONORABLE DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED
6 STATES; THE HONORABLE RICHARD M. NIXON, VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE
7 UNITED STATES; THE HONORABLE CHRISTIAN A. HERTER, SECRETARY OF
8 STATE; THE HONORABLE THOMAS S. GATES, JR., SECRETARY OF DEFENSE;
9 THE HONORABLE E. L. BARTLETT AND THE HONORABLE ERNEST GRUENING,
10 SENATORS FROM ALASKA; AND THE HONORABLE RALPH J. RIVERS, REPRESENTATIVE FROM ALASKA:

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

15 WHEREAS, the United States and the State of Alaska have in-
16 vested vast sums in the preservation and restoration of the North
17 Pacific fisheries; and

18 WHEREAS, these fisheries are in danger of serious depletion
19 through uncontrolled exploitation by Soviet high-sea fishing
20 fleets; and

21 WHEREAS, the United States does not permit its own fishermen
22 to take salmon with nets in international waters; and

23 WHEREAS, were American fishermen to fish as close to Russian
24 territory as Soviet fishermen do to Alaskan territory they would
25 be summarily interred by the Soviet Union without further ado;

26 NOW THEREFORE, Your Memorialist urges the federal government
27 to declare its continental shelf off-limits to the fishing fleets
28 of all nations and to enforce its declaration by patrolling the
29 waters of the continental shelf with armed vessels.