

1 IN THE SENATE

BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

2 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 11

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 FIRST LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA IN
6 FIRST LEGISLATURE, FIRST SESSION ASSEMBLED:

7 WHEREAS, certain fish trap operators have initiated legal
8 proceedings to set aside federal regulations prohibiting the use
9 of fish traps in Alaska waters; and

10 WHEREAS, the same federal regulations have closed the
11 Bristol Bay area of Alaska to the taking of salmon in 1959,
12 thereby inviting grave economic disaster in that area; and

13 WHEREAS, the governor of Alaska has ordered that no state
14 fish trap licenses be issued for the year 1959; and

15 WHEREAS, the Legislature of the State of Alaska has enacted
16 legislation outlawing the use of fish traps in Alaskan waters;
17 and

18 WHEREAS, the heart of the entire problem of control of the
19 Alaskan fisheries rests in the provisions of Section 6 (e),
20 Public Law 85-508, which retains federal administration and
21 management of the Alaskan fisheries; and

22 WHEREAS, Section 6 (e), Public Law 85-508 contravenes the
23 inherent rights and powers of the sovereign State of Alaska; and

24 WHEREAS, the sovereign State of Alaska is fully capable of
25 exercising its constitutional right to administer and manage
26 its own fisheries; and

27 WHEREAS, further litigation is anticipated from the vested
28 "outside" fishing interests to further their program of economic
29 exploitation of the Alaska fisheries; and

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WHEREAS, the State of Alaska must speak out forthrightly and vigorously in behalf of its rights, resources and people; and

WHEREAS, such necessary actions in behalf of the State of Alaska require retention of additional legal counsel to insure fruition of Alaska's sovereign rights and obligations toward its fisheries;

BE IT RESOLVED by the Legislature of the State of Alaska in First Legislature, First Session assembled, that the governor of Alaska is urged, directed and authorized to employ and retain all necessary expert legal counsel to defend and uphold the rights of the sovereign State of Alaska from any and all infringements upon its sacred rights by persons adversely interested therein; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the governor of Alaska take such further necessary and proper steps so as to cause the sovereign State of Alaska to become free of any federal regulations, restrictions and control over its natural resources.