

1 IN THE SENATE

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2 SENATE MEMORIAL NO. 9

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 FIRST LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 TO THE HONORABLE SAM RAYBURN, SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTA-  
6 TIVES; THE HONORABLE RICHARD NIXON, PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE; THE  
7 HONORABLE E. L. BARTLETT AND THE HONORABLE ERNEST GRUENING, SEN-  
8 ATORS FROM ALASKA; AND THE HONORABLE RALPH J. RIVERS, REPRESENTA-  
9 TIVE FROM ALASKA:

10 Your Memorialist, the Senate of the State of Alaska in First  
11 Legislature, Second Session assembled respectfully submits that:

12 WHEREAS, four conventions and a protocol were formulated  
13 at the United Nations Conference on Law of the Sea; held at  
14 Geneva, February 24 to April 27, 1958, as follows:

- 15 (1) Convention on the Territorial Sea and the Contiguous  
16 Zone;
- 17 (2) Convention on the High Seas;
- 18 (3) Convention on Fishing and Conservation of the  
19 Living Resources of the High Seas;
- 20 (4) Convention on the Continental Shelf; and
- 21 (5) Optional Protocol of Signature Concerning the  
22 Compulsory Settlement of Disputes; and

23 WHEREAS, the said conventions and protocol were signed on  
24 behalf of the United States of America on September 15, 1958, and  
25 have been referred to the Senate of the United States where they  
26 are now pending the advice and consent of that body to ratifica-  
27 tion by the United States; and

28 WHEREAS, the State of Alaska considers that the said conven-  
29 tions and protocol represent a significant step forward in the

1 codification of rules of international law in time of peace and  
2 thus promote the interests of the international community; and

3 WHEREAS, it is noted that the Convention on Fishing and  
4 Conservation of the Living Resources of the High Seas is the  
5 first international legislation dealing comprehensively with  
6 conservation problems and, as such, provides a sound basis for  
7 international cooperation in determining the need for and in the  
8 adoption of such conservation measures as are necessary to make  
9 possible the maximum sustainable productivity of high seas  
10 fishery resources; and

11 WHEREAS, it is noted that the said Convention on Fishing and  
12 Conservation of the Living Resources of the High Seas was referred  
13 to the Senate of the United States with a recommendation that the  
14 Senate advise and consent to its ratification subject to an under-  
15 standing as regards the conservation procedure known as "absten-  
16 tion";

17 NOW THEREFORE, Your Memorialist urges that the Senate of the  
18 United States advise and consent to ratification of the aforesaid  
19 conventions and protocol by the United States, subject, in the  
20 case of the Convention on Fishing and Conservation of the Living  
21 Resources of the High Seas, to the proposed understanding as  
22 regards the conservation procedure known as "abstention".  
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