

1 IN THE HOUSE

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2 HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 1

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SECOND LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 TO THE HONORABLE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE UNITED  
6 STATES CONGRESS ASSEMBLED:

7 We, your Memorialists, the Legislature of the State of Alaska,  
8 respectfully represent that:

9 WHEREAS, the development and utilization of Alaska's abundant  
10 mineral resources will be one of the principal future bulwarks of  
11 the State's economy, providing not only a source of employment  
12 and income but also a sound base for tax revenues; and

13 WHEREAS, the basic and essential mining industry has for  
14 several years been confronted with adverse economic conditions  
15 so severe that metal mining enterprises in the State, involving  
16 the production of antimony, tungsten, tin, chromite, and other  
17 strategic metals, have been forced out of business; and

18 WHEREAS, the cause of this serious predicament of our mining  
19 industry can be traced to governmental policy which stimulates  
20 the development and exploitation of foreign mineral resources  
21 and permits relatively free access of this low-cost foreign pro-  
22 duction to the U. S. Markets; and

23 WHEREAS, this policy if continued will not only threaten the  
24 existence of Alaska's future metal mining industry, but will also  
25 impose a serious handicap on our nation's capacity for providing  
26 from domestic sources the basic requirements for national defense;  
27 and

28 WHEREAS, the executive department of the federal government  
29 and both major political parties, as well as the Conference of

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1 Western Governors, have officially recognized the necessity for  
2 maintaining a domestic mining industry that is sufficiently  
3 progressive and vigorous to assure a minerals mobilization base  
4 adequate for national preparedness and security; and

5 WHEREAS, past efforts by the federal government to alleviate  
6 the depressed conditions which prevail in various segments of the  
7 domestic mining industry by means of short-range programs and  
8 temporary expédients such as stockpiling and quota limitations  
9 have proved ineffective and inadequate,

10 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Second Legislature  
11 of the State of Alaska, now in session, the House of Representa-  
12 tives and the Senate concurring, that we respectfully urge the  
13 Congress of the United States and the executive department of  
14 the Federal Government to develop and adopt as soon as possible  
15 a natural minerals policy that will guarantee a strong and  
16 healthy domestic mining industry by assuring domestic producers  
17 a fair and equitable share of domestic metal markets.

18 We recommend that this policy be implemented by more effec-  
19 tive enforcement of the Anti-Dumping Laws, and by the imposition  
20 of adequate duties on metals and mineral imports to be applied  
21 only if and when the price of the metals fall below the period  
22 pcint level that is required to maintain a sound and healthy  
23 domestic mining industry.

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of State of the  
25 State of Alaska be, and he hereby is, authorized and directed to  
26 forward certified copies of this Memorial to the President and  
27 Vice-President of the United States, and the Speaker of the House  
28 of Representatives of the Congress and to the Senators and Repre-  
29 sentative representing this State in the Congress of the

1 United States.

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