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IN THE HOUSE

BY THE RULES COMMITTEE  
BY REQUEST

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 88

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

SECOND LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

Relating to preservation of Alaskan  
sovereignty against incursions by  
foreign fishing fleets.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA IN  
SECOND LEGISLATURE, SECOND SESSION ASSEMBLED:

WHEREAS, the fishing industries of Alaska are not only  
the source of livelihood for many thousands of fishermen and  
shore workers but also provides an essential food supply for the  
entire nation; and

WHEREAS, the participation of American fishermen in the  
Alaskan fishery is regulated by established conservation practices,  
and

WHEREAS, recent years have seen increasing numbers of  
foreign fishing fleets move continually closer to the Alaskan  
coast, culminating in the recent sighting of Japanese fishing  
vessels actually within Alaskan waters; and

WHEREAS, such foreign fleets do not follow established  
principles of conservation, with the resulting effect that  
efforts to conserve fish by imposing limitations on only  
American fishermen may come to naught; and

WHEREAS, it is traditionally a federal function to preserve  
inviolable the sovereignty of the United States by refusing entry  
to foreign nationals who attempt to enter United States waters  
for the purpose of fishing;

BE IT RESOLVED by the Legislature of the State of Alaska in

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1 Second Legislature, Second Session assembled that the President  
2 of the United States is respectfully urged to act quickly and  
3 decisively in informing foreign nationals who intend to fish  
4 near the Alaskan coast that absolutely no intrusions into  
5 Alaskan waters will be tolerated, and if any such intrusions  
6 are indicated, to take immediate action against the intruding  
7 vessel or vessels. The President is further urged as a matter  
8 of greatest necessity to reassess the United States' previous  
9 position as to a three mile limit on State waters, and in an  
10 effort to protect the already harassed fisheries of Alaska  
11 from foreign intrusion, to press for acceptance of a 12 mile  
12 limit, at least in connection with fishing; and be it

13 FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be sent to  
14 the Honorable John F. Kennedy, President of the Senate; the  
15 Honorable Lyndon B. Johnson, Speaker of the House; the  
16 Honorable E. L. Bartlett and the Honorable Ernest Gruening,  
17 Senators from Alaska; and the Honorable Ralph J. Rivers,  
18 Representative from Alaska.  
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