

1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE RULES COMMITTEE
BY REQUEST

2 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 88

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SECOND LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

HJR #88 as amended

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 near
4 the Alaskan coast that absolutely no intrusions into Alaskan
5 waters will be tolerated, and if any such intrusions are indicated,
6 to take immediate action against the intruding vessel or vessels.
7 The President is further urged as a matter of greatest necessity
8 to reassess the United States' previous position as to a three
9 mile limit on State waters, and in an effort to protect the
10 already harassed fisheries of Alaska from foreign intrusion, to
11 press for acceptance of a 40 mile limit, or to the edge of the
12 continental shelf, whichever is the greater, at least in connection
13 with fishing; and be it

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

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