

1 IN THE SENATE

BY SENATORS POLLOCK AND OWEN

2 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 35

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SECOND LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Relating to the location of strategic
6 Polaris nuclear submarine bases in
7 Alaska.

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

10 WHEREAS, the strategic importance of using subpolar great-
11 circle travel routes by Polaris nuclear submarines has been
12 conclusively demonstrated; and

13 WHEREAS, this new aspect of nuclear warfare places nuclear
14 submarines based in Alaska in a unique position to take advantage
15 of the subpolar travel routes; and

16 WHEREAS, the federal government is now in the process of
17 selecting sites for new Polaris nuclear submarine bases; and

18 WHEREAS, there are many places in Alaska that are ideally
19 suited, by reason of accessibility, natural harbors, and relative
20 distances from large centers of population, for the establishment
21 of Polaris nuclear submarine bases -- for example, Chatham Strait
22 in Southeastern Alaska, Prince William Sound near Cordova, Resur-
23 rection Bay near Seward, Kodiak Island, Afognak Island, Port
24 Clarence next to the Bering Sea Strait or Adak; and

25 WHEREAS, the establishment of nuclear submarine bases in
26 Alaska would greatly enhance Alaska's economy, thereby increasing
27 the well-being of all its people;

28 BE IT RESOLVED by the Legislature of the State of Alaska in
29 Second Legislature, Second Session assembled, that the Honorable
SJR #35 as amended by the House -1-

1 E. L. Bartlett and the Honorable Ernest Gruening, Senators from
2 Alaska, and the Honorable Ralph J. Rivers, Representative from
3 Alaska, be respectfully requested to urge on Congress and the
4 Federal Government the advantages to the United States' system
5 of defense and to the State of Alaska of basing nuclear submarines
6 in Alaska

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8 Passed by the Senate February 2, 1962

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11 President of the Senate

12 ATTEST:

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15 Secretary of the Senate

16 Passed by the House February 15, 1962

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18 Speaker of the House

19 ATTEST:

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22 Chief Clerk of the House