

1 IN THE SENATE

BY SENATOR SMITH

2 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 49

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SECOND LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Relating to proposed federal
6 legislation permitting fishermen
7 to bargain collectively.

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

10 WHEREAS, the right to bargain collectively is recognized as
11 a fundamental right of labor, under both Alaskan and federal law;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, collective bargaining is presently authorized under
14 federal law only where a narrowly defined employer-employee re-
15 lationship exists; and

16 WHEREAS, the fishing industry presents a situation where
17 many fishermen are not legally termed employees of a processor
18 or canner but are nonetheless, through tying arrangements, often
19 in the same bargaining position with relation to the price paid
20 for the fish as direct employees; and

21 WHEREAS, under the present National Labor Relations Act
22 those fishermen do not have the right to bargain collectively
23 with a processor or canner for the price to be paid for fish;
24 and

25 WHEREAS, there is presently before the Senate of the United
26 States S. 1265 to amend the National Labor Relations Act to grant
27 all fishermen who bear a close and dependent relation to a
28 canner or processor to whom they sell their fish an employee
29 status for the purpose of collective bargaining;

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1 BE IT RESOLVED by the Legislature of the State of Alaska in
2 Second Legislature, Second Session assembled, that the Legislature
3 of Alaska wholeheartedly supports the amendment to the National
4 Labor Relations Act proposed in S. 1265 and respectfully urges
5 the Congress of the United States to adopt the measure; and be it

6 FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be mailed
7 to Senator Lister Hill, Chairman of the Senate Committee on Labor
8 and Public Welfare, Vice President Lyndon B. Johnson, President
9 of the Senate, Representative John W. McCormack, Speaker of the
10 House of Representatives, and the Alaska Delegation to Congress.

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