

1 IN THE SENATE BY COMMITTEE ON RESOURCES
2 SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 22
3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
4 SECOND LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to hearings on lifting
6 the ban on the importation of
7 Russian crabmeat.

8 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE IN SECOND LEGISLATURE, FIRST SESSION
9 ASSEMBLED:

10 WHEREAS, it has been reliably reported that the United
11 States is considering the lifting of the ban on the importation
12 of crabmeat from the Soviet Union; and

13 WHEREAS, Alaska King Crab is the outstanding and only example
14 of a new development in the Alaska fisheries which otherwise have
15 been sadly depleted largely due to federal mismanagement while
16 Alaska was a Territory and now requires gigantic and costly
17 efforts to rebuild; and

18 WHEREAS, this fishery depletion has created a grave unemploy-
19 ment situation all along Alaska's coast where the population's
20 livelihood has been and is wholly dependent on the fisheries; and

21 WHEREAS, the development of the King Crab fishery is the
22 only happy exception in this otherwise dark picture and if it is
23 now to face the competition of imported Russian crab, produced by
24 cheap if not slave labor, effects in Alaska will be disastrous;
25 and

26 WHEREAS, the situation is further aggravated by the fact that
27 the Russians have been fishing extensively in the Bering Sea and
28 have given indications of extending their fishing further along
29 the Alaskan coast;

1 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate in Second Legislature, First
2 Session assembled, that any proposal for the lifting of the ban
3 on the importation of Russian crabmeat is protested and that it
4 is respectfully requested that the State of Alaska be consulted
5 before any action is taken by the United States Government; and
6 be it

7 FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be sent to
8 the Honorable John F. Kennedy, President of the United States;
9 the Honorable Dean Rusk, Secretary of State; the Honorable C.
10 Douglas Dillon, Secretary of the Treasury; the Honorable Luther
11 H. Hodges, Secretary of Commerce; and the members of the Alaska
12 delegation in Congress.

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