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1 IN THE HOUSE BY THE RESOURCES COMMITTEE
2 CS FOR HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 31
3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
4 THIRD LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Relating to protection of Alaska's
6 fisheries against incursions by foreign
7 fishing vessels.

8 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

9 WHEREAS the urgent need to protect Alaska's ocean fisheries
10 was illustrated by numerous incidents during the past year in
11 which Russian and Japanese fleets exploited the fisheries re-
12 sources within our territorial waters and of the continental shelf
13 adjacent to Alaska; and

14 WHEREAS the presence of Russian vessels in the waters near
15 Kodiak Island also resulted in the destruction and damage of
16 crab gear used by Alaskan fishermen; and

17 WHEREAS continued foreign exploitation of our territorial
18 waters and the continental shelf will seriously deplete our fish
19 and crab resources and adversely affect the livelihood of many
20 Alaskan fishermen; and

21 WHEREAS the federal government does not presently have
22 adequate statutory authority to effectively police and protect our
23 territorial waters within the three-mile limit or the resources of
24 the continental shelf; and

25 WHEREAS a bill, S. 1988, introduced by Senator E. L. Bartlett,
26 makes it unlawful for a foreign vessel to fish within the terri-
27 torial waters of the United States or to take any fishery resource
28 from the continental shelf, and permits the seizure and forfeiture
29 of a vessel and harvested fish in the event of violation;

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BE IT RESOLVED that since S. 1988 has been passed by the United States Senate, the U. S. House of Representatives is strongly urged to act favorably on this bill; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the President of the United States is respectfully urged to take necessary action in order to assert the claim of the United States over the fishery resources of the continental shelf pending the ratification of the 1958 International Convention on the Continental Shelf, which event is expected to occur in the near future; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be sent to the Honorable Lyndon B. Johnson, President of the United States; the Honorable Carl Hayden, President Pro Tempore of the Senate; the Honorable John W. McCormack, Speaker of the House of Representatives; the Honorable Herbert C. Bonner, Chairman, House Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries; and the members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.