

1 IN THE HOUSE BY MESSRS. JARVELA AND KUBLEY

2 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 49

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 THIRD LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Relating to tariffs on king crab
6 products.

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

8 WHEREAS, the Government of the United States may reduce
9 tariffs on king crab products both frozen and canned and make
10 present tariffs the subject of international fishery negotiations;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, the Alaska king crab industry is a young industry of
13 major importance to the economy of the new State of Alaska which
14 has experienced phenomenal growth, at the price of many men's
15 lives, lost ships, and hundreds of thousands of dollars spent on
16 perfecting techniques; and

17 WHEREAS, the Alaska king crab industry has stabilized the
18 fishing industry for much of Alaska by counterbalancing the ad-
19 verse economic impact caused by violent fluctuations in runs of
20 salmon, and revitalized many Alaskan fishing communities which as
21 recently as five years ago were dying; and

22 WHEREAS, the Alaska king crab industry has faced consistently
23 hard and expensive Japanese competition in the United States king
24 crab market; and

25 WHEREAS, the lowering of tariffs on king crab products will
26 make possible reductions in prices of foreign king crab offerings
27 that will invite swift death for the Alaska king crab industry;
28 and

29 WHEREAS, the crippling and death of the Alaska king crab

1 industry will result in the loss of thousands of jobs and millions
2 of dollars invested in plants, ships and gears and in the under-
3 mining of the vital fishing economy of the State of Alaska; and

4 WHEREAS, a critical threat to the life of the Alaska king
5 crab industry is already being posed by the intrusion of Soviet
6 and Japanese king crab fishing fleets into American fishing
7 grounds off the shores of the State of Alaska; and

8 WHEREAS, the Alaska king crab industry, in view of the serious
9 obstacles to its existence, requires not less but if anything more
10 protection;

11 BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the State of Alaska
12 declares itself firmly opposed to the lowering of tariffs on king
13 crab products both frozen and canned; and be it

14 FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Government of the United States is
15 urged neither to reduce tariffs on king crab products nor to make
16 these tariffs the subject of bargaining in international fishery
17 negotiations; and be it

18 FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be sent to
19 the Honorable Lyndon B. Johnson, President of the United States;
20 the Honorable Dean Rusk, Secretary of State; the Honorable Stewart
21 L. Udall, Secretary of the Interior; the members of the United
22 States Tariff Commission; the members of the Alaska Delegation in
23 Congress; and the Alaska Fishermen's Union.

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