

1 IN THE HOUSE BY THE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

2 HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 15

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 THIRD LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Requesting immediate federal
6 action to deter foreign fishing
7 depredations in Alaskan waters.

8 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

9 WHEREAS, the Legislature of the State of Alaska has repeated-
10 ly brought to the attention of the federal government the depreda-
11 tions of foreign fishing fleets on the national fishery resources
12 found in and under Alaskan waters; and

13 WHEREAS, the State of Alaska's economy depends to a consider-
14 able extent on the resources of these waters and the continental
15 shelf under these waters; and

16 WHEREAS, the often cited depredations of foreign fishing
17 fleets include not only the taking of this American resource but
18 the destruction of the means of conserving this resource by the
19 use of gear and practices recognized as harmful by federal
20 authorities and therefore denied to American fishermen; and

21 WHEREAS, the Convention on the Continental Shelf has been
22 signed by both the United States and Russia but remains inopera-
23 tive because it still lacks a signature; and

24 WHEREAS, if the Convention were operative the fishing activi-
25 ties of Japan in Alaskan waters would not be affected;

26 BE IT RESOLVED that the federal government is again requested
27 to recognize the disastrous impact of foreign fishing and foreign
28 fishing techniques in American waters, particularly as they affect
29 Alaska, and to meet the realities of the situation by a unilateral

1 declaration that foreign fishing vessels will not be allowed to
2 fish in the coastal waters of the United States covering the con-
3 tinental shelf of the United States or 40 miles from the coast of
4 the United States, whichever is greater; and be it

5 FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be sent to
6 the Honorable Lyndon B. Johnson, President of the United States;
7 the Honorable Dean Rusk, Secretary of State; the Honorable J. W.
8 Fulbright, Chairman, Senate Foreign Relations Committee; the
9 Honorable Thomas E. Morgan, Chairman, House Foreign Affairs Com-
10 mittee; and the members of the Alaska Delegation in Congress.

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