

1 IN THE SENATE

BY SENATOR OWEN

2 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 5

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 THIRD LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to a fishing vessel construc-  
6 tion and operational subsidy.

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

8 WHEREAS the Russians and the Japanese, with whom we compete  
9 in the North Pacific fisheries, have built and are now operating  
10 numerous large, modern, and efficient ships for the catching,  
11 processing, preserving, and shipment of fishery products; and

12 WHEREAS the vessels owned and operated by individuals and  
13 firms in the United States are much smaller, older, and less  
14 efficient than the Russian and Japanese ships; and

15 WHEREAS this tremendous difference in ships puts United  
16 States fishermen at an insuperable competitive disadvantage; and

17 WHEREAS a primary cause of the difference between our ships  
18 on the one hand and the Russian and Japanese ships on the other  
19 is the difficulty of obtaining the large amounts of private  
20 capital necessary to build and fit out large, modern, and effici-  
21 ent ships;

22 BE IT RESOLVED that the Congress of the United States be  
23 urged to create a fishing vessel construction and operational  
24 subsidy to be used for assistance to appropriate groups to build  
25 and operate competitive vessels, and to appropriate for this  
26 purpose the sum of \$200,000,000; and be it

27 FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be sent to  
28 the Honorable John F. Kennedy, President of the United States;  
29 the Honorable Luther Hodges, Secretary of Commerce; the Honorable

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Stewart L. Udall, Secretary of the Interior; the Honorable Donald L. McKernan, Director of the Bureau of Commercial Fisheries; and the members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.

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