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1 IN THE SENATE

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2 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 22

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 THIRD LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to the bottom

6 fisheries of the Bering Sea.

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

8 WHEREAS, the economy of Bristol Bay and the northwest coast  
9 of Alaska is presently nearly exclusively dependent on the annual  
10 runs of salmon; and

11 WHEREAS, the development of a year-around fishing economy  
12 would prove highly beneficial to the population of the area and  
13 eliminate the present cyclical economic dislocation caused by the  
14 wide variation from year to year in salmon runs; and

15 WHEREAS, preliminary information indicates that there are  
16 enormous stocks of bottom fish in the coastal and off-shore waters  
17 adjoining the western coasts of Alaska; and

18 WHEREAS, large fleets of Japanese and Russian trawlers are  
19 presently concentrating efforts to develop and utilize the bottom  
20 fisheries of the Bering Sea with little, if any, regard to con-  
21 servation restrictions; and

22 WHEREAS, the development of the bottom fisheries of the area  
23 is difficult for American citizens at this time, due to the fact  
24 that they are unable to compete with the low costs of foreign  
25 operations, with the result that the fisheries are being depleted  
26 prior to any active American participation;

27 BE IT RESOLVED that the federal government is urged to take  
28 immediate action to (1) preserve and maintain the bottom fisheries  
29 of the Bering Sea through international negotiation, and (2) to

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1 embark upon a program of subsidization to insure that American  
2 nationals, and more particularly the residents of the western  
3 coast of Alaska, will be in a position to effectively develop a  
4 bottom fishing industry and compete with foreign nations in the  
5 utilization of this important resource; and be it

6       FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be sent to  
7 the Honorable John F. Kennedy, President of the United States; the  
8 Honorable Stewart L. Udall, Secretary of the Interior; the  
9 Honorable Milton E. Brooding, Chairman of the American Section of  
10 the International North Pacific Fisheries Commission; and the  
11 members of the Alaska Delegation in Congress.

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