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1 IN THE SENATE BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

2 SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 35

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 THIRD LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Relating to the harvesting of
6 the national king crab resource
7 by Soviet Russia on the American
8 continental shelf.

9 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE:

10 WHEREAS, the Bureau of Commercial Fisheries reports the
11 presence of a large Russian fishing fleet off Kodiak Island using
12 tangle nets to harvest the king crab resource in that area; and

13 WHEREAS, king crab is recognized as a resource of the con-
14 tinental shelf under the Convention of the Continental Shelf
15 adopted at the United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea at
16 Geneva in 1958 and Soviet Russia and the United States are both
17 signatories to that Convention; and

18 WHEREAS, the Russian fishing fleets continue to harvest the
19 king crab resource in the United States waters covering the
20 continental shelf despite the Convention and use gear which is
21 harmful to the replenishment of the king crab resource and there-
22 fore forbidden to United States fishermen; and

23 WHEREAS, Soviet Russia has recently expressed its condolences
24 to Alaska for the damage done by the March earthquake to Alaska's
25 natural and other resources and now proceeds to harvest and harm
26 the king crab resource upon which Alaska greatly depends for its
27 economic well-being; and

28 WHEREAS, it is now more imperative than ever that the Govern-
29 ment of the United States insist that Soviet Russia desist from

1 harvesting the king crab and other continental shelf resources of
2 the United States;

3 BE IT RESOLVED that the Honorable Dean Rusk, Secretary of
4 State, is most urgently requested to make the strongest repre-
5 sentations to the Government of Soviet Russia to immediately
6 desist its harvesting of the resources of the continental shelf
7 of the United States as being in contravention to the letter and
8 spirit of the Convention on the Continental Shelf and at this time
9 being particularly deleterious to the economy of the disaster-
10 stricken State of Alaska; and be it

11 FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be directed
12 to the members of the Alaska Delegation in Congress.

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