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2 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 71

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 FOURTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Relating to maximum appropriations
6 under the federal Commercial
7 Fisheries Research and Develop-
8 ment Act of 1964.

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

10 WHEREAS Alaskans were encouraged at the passage of PL 88-309,
11 the Commercial Fisheries Research and Development Act of 1964,
12 because it would have a salutary effect on the commercial fisher-
13 ies industry of the nation; and

14 WHEREAS the Act authorized appropriations of \$5,000,000 to
15 be made each year for five consecutive years and apportioned
16 among the several states to meet commercial fishery failures due
17 to resource disasters and for the development of new commercial
18 fisheries; and

19 WHEREAS during the first year the Act was in effect no funds
20 were appropriated by the Congress to implement the programs under
21 the Act and in the current fiscal year only 4.1 million dollars
22 were appropriated for apportionment to the several states; and

23 WHEREAS for the next fiscal year, 1967, the Bureau of the
24 Budget has only requested 2.6 million dollars for state apportion-
25 ment under the Act despite the fact that full funding of the
26 program up to the annual 5 million dollar maximum is essential to
27 the welfare of the commercial fisheries resources and the com-
28 mercial fishing industry of the United States; and

29 WHEREAS the commercial fishing industry of the United States

1 is desperately facing foreign competition near our shores which
2 is supported by superior fleets having labor and vessel costs
3 much lower than our own and this competition has had the net
4 result of dropping the United States from second place to fifth
5 place among the fishing nations of the world; and

6 WHEREAS Alaska's largest basic industry is its commercial
7 fishery which provides a livelihood for over 17,000 fishermen
8 and over 7,500 shore workers in 173 fish processing plants and
9 the state has given vigorous support to the limit of its financial
10 ability, to its fisheries programs in an effort to arrest and
11 reverse the downward trend in landings through realistic programs
12 of fisheries improvement and development; and

13 WHEREAS PL 88-309 wisely acknowledged the need for a greatly
14 accelerated program of commercial fisheries research and develop-
15 ment by placing the federal government in coordination with the
16 several states; and

17 WHEREAS the development of a healthy national fishing
18 industry capable of providing maximum human benefits consistent
19 with proper conservation and wise use is possible through in-
20 creased factual knowledge;

21 BE IT RESOLVED that the President of the United States and
22 the Congress are respectfully urged to insure that \$5,000,000 be
23 appropriated for apportionment to the several states in fiscal
24 year 1967 for implementing programs under the Commercial Fisheries
25 Research and Development Act of 1964.

26 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable
27 Lyndon B. Johnson, President of the United States; the Honorable
28 Carl Hayden, Chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee; the
29 Honorable George H. Mahon, Chairman of the House Appropriations

1 Committee; the Honorable Charles L. Schultze, Director, Bureau of
2 the Budget; and the Honorable E. L. Bartlett and the Honorable
3 Ernest Gruening, U. S. Senators, and the Honorable Ralph J.
4 Rivers, U. S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in
5 Congress.

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