

1 IN THE HOUSE BY THE RULES COMMITTEE

2 HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 12

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 FOURTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Requesting Congress to reject an
6 executive reorganization pro-
7 posal affecting the Alaska
8 customs district.

9 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

10 WHEREAS there is now before Congress an executive reorganiza-
11 tion plan whereby the Bureau of Customs Office in Alaska would be
12 abolished and the collectors of customs positions would no longer
13 be subject to presidential appointment; and

14 WHEREAS if the plan is not rejected by Congress the Alaska
15 district office will in effect be moved thousands of miles away
16 where there will be delays in making the necessary day-to-day
17 decisions on and interpretation of regulations at the hands of
18 those not familiar with the special customs situation of Alaska;
19 and

20 WHEREAS with the elimination of presidential appointment of
21 collectors the citizens of Alaska will lose that essential contact
22 in customs matters between one of its own citizens and the members
23 of the Alaska delegation in Congress which now enables the state
24 to have advocates who can prevail upon federal administrators to
25 meet Alaska's peculiar problems and needs;

26 BE IT RESOLVED that the Honorable John W. McCormack, Speaker
27 of the House of Representatives, and the Honorable Carl Hayden,
28 President pro tempore of the Senate are respectfully requested to
29 advise the Congress that the State of Alaska opposes the executive

1 reorganization plan relating to the Bureau of the Customs; and be
2 it

3 FURTHER RESOLVED that the Honorable E. L. Bartlett and the
4 Honorable Ernest Gruening, U. S. Senators, and the Honorable
5 Ralph J. Rivers, U. S. Representative, members of the Alaska dele-
6 gation in Congress, are urged to pursue the appropriate courses of
7 action necessary to reject the customs proposal which if adopted
8 would be most detrimental to the interests of the State of Alaska.

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