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1 IN THE SENATE

2 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 40

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 FOURTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Urging Congress to approve
6 pending legislation to extend
7 the term during which the
8 Secretary of the Interior is
9 authorized to make fisheries
10 loans under the Fish and Wild-
11 life Act of 1956.

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

13 WHEREAS, a bill, S. 998 now pending in Congress would amend
14 the Fish and Wildlife Act of 1956 so as to extend until 1975 the
15 authority of the Secretary of Interior to make loans for financ-
16 ing and refinancing the operations of commercial fishing vessels
17 and the maintenance, repair, and replacement of these vessels
18 and their gear; and

19 WHEREAS, the loan program available under the Fish and Wild-
20 life Act of 1956 will expire on June 30, 1965 unless S. 998 is
21 enacted; and

22 WHEREAS, U. S. fishermen are in constant competition with
23 foreign fishermen at fishing grounds where American vessels
24 traditionally and, until recently, almost exclusively operated;
25 and

26 WHEREAS, U. S. fishermen now have to compete with foreign
27 fishermen for the U. S. market; and

28 WHEREAS, private financing on reasonable terms is not
29 available to many fishermen because of the hazardous nature of

1 the industry; and

2 WHEREAS, the U. S. fishing fleets are antiquated and unable
3 to compete successfully with the more modernized foreign fishing
4 fleets; and

5 WHEREAS, the fisheries loan program is essential for
6 modernizing and upgrading U. S. fishing vessels in order that
7 they may stay in operation and compete successfully against
8 foreign fishermen;

9 BE IT RESOLVED that Congress is respectfully urged to pass,
10 and the President of the United States is respectfully urged to
11 approve, S. 998; and be it

12 FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be sent to
13 the Honorable Lyndon B. Johnson, President of the United States;
14 the Honorable Hubert H. Humphrey, Vice President of the United
15 States and President of the Senate; the Honorable John W.
16 McCormack, Speaker of the House of Representatives; the Honorable
17 Warren G. Magnuson, Chairman, Senate Commerce Committee; the
18 Honorable Oren Harris, Chairman, House Interstate and Foreign
19 Commerce Committee; the Honorable Carl Hayden, Chairman, Senate
20 Appropriations Committee; the Honorable George H. Mahon, Chairman,
21 House Appropriations Committee; and the members of the Alaska
22 Delegation in Congress.