

1 IN THE SENATE

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2 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 46

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 FOURTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Creating a national Department
6 of Fisheries.

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

8 WHEREAS the populations of the world are becoming increas-
9 ingly dependent upon the oceans as a source of food; and

10 WHEREAS competition among the nations for the bounty of the
11 seas has noticeably sharpened in recent years as is evidenced by
12 international conventions being called to discuss the extension
13 of national ocean territorial limits and the rights of nations
14 to the resources on their continental shelves; and

15 WHEREAS it has been apparent for some time that the United
16 States fishing industry is at a technical and financial disabili-
17 ty in competition with foreign fishing fleets for both the
18 domestic and foreign seafood markets; and

19 WHEREAS the revitalization, development and protection of
20 the fishing industry and the fisheries of the United States are
21 enormous tasks which surpass the abilities of the several states
22 and therefore require the assistance and attention of the federal
23 government; and

24 WHEREAS adequate policing of our fishing territories can
25 only be efficiently conducted by enforcement agencies of the
26 federal government; and

27 WHEREAS negotiations for fishing rights in international
28 waters are a responsibility of the federal government and will
29 become a more complex and demanding area of diplomacy in future

1 years; and

2 WHEREAS the basic importance of our fisheries and fishing
3 industry to the people of this nation, particularly at this time
4 in our history, demands that they be given immediate, thorough
5 and constant attention by the federal government and treated as
6 an integrated area of national policy;

7 BE IT RESOLVED that the President of the United States is
8 respectfully requested to create a principal department in the
9 executive branch of the federal government which has respon-
10 sibility for all federal programs and activities relating to
11 our fisheries and fishing industry, the department to be headed
12 by an official of cabinet rank.

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