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1 **IN THE HOUSE**

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2 **HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 46**  
3 **IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA**  
4 **FIFTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION**

5 **Relating to the violation of the**  
6 **12-mile limit by foreign fishing**  
7 **vessels.**

8 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

9 **WHEREAS** the United States Coast Guard, on March 2, 1967, seized a  
10 Russian trawler which was fishing off the coast of Mitrofanis Island within  
11 one mile of shore; and

12 **WHEREAS** this is but one example of repeated intrusion of territorial  
13 waters by foreign nations; and

14 **WHEREAS** to allow foreign nations to break international law in the  
15 face of impending negotiations puts the United States in the position of  
16 negotiating from a position of weakness; and

17 **WHEREAS** it was only through the diligent efforts of the United States  
18 Coast Guard that this Soviet vessel was captured after an attempted escape;

19 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the United States Coast Guard is commended by the  
20 Fifth Legislature for its action in detecting and apprehending the Russian  
21 ship; and be it

22 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the federal government is urged to vigorously  
23 prosecute the seized ship for the fishing violation and that the maximum  
24 penalties provided for by law be imposed as an example to all nations that  
25 the United States will not tolerate continued violation of its territorial  
26 waters by foreign vessels.

27 **COPIES** of this Resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Lyndon B.  
28 Johnson, President of the United States; the Honorable Dean Rusk, Secretary,  
29 Department of State; the Honorable Ramsey Clark, Acting Attorney General,

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1 Department of Justice; the Honorable Richard McVeigh, United States  
2 Attorney, Anchorage, Alaska; Admiral Willard J. Smith, Commandant, United  
3 States Coast Guard; Rear Admiral Joseph R. Scullicon, Commander, 17th  
4 Coast Guard District, and the Honorable E.L. Bartlett and the Honorable  
5 Ernest Gruening, U. S. Senators and the Honorable Howard W. Pollock, U.S.  
6 Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.

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