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2 SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 27
3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
4 FIFTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Protesting the lenient disposition
6 of the case against the master of
7 the Russian fishing boat seized in
8 Alaska territorial waters.

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

10 WHEREAS the Alaska fishermen have been subject to foreign exploitation
11 for many years; and

12 WHEREAS territorial water boundaries have been established and extended
13 by both the state and federal governments in order to give the Alaska fisher-
14 men the needed protection from this exploitation; and

15 WHEREAS if the state three-mile limit and the new federal 12-mile limit
16 are to be respected and act as a deterrent to foreign fishermen, they must
17 be strongly enforced; and

18 WHEREAS a Russian trawler was recently caught fishing in United States
19 territorial waters one mile off the Alaska Peninsula; and

20 WHEREAS conviction on the charge of violating United States territorial
21 fishing rights would bring a maximum penalty of \$10,000 and a one-year jail
22 term for the skipper of the seized trawler, as well as forfeiture of the
23 boat, its gear, cargo, stores and shrimp catch; and

24 WHEREAS the Russian skipper received only a light fine of \$5,000; and

25 WHEREAS such a mild punishment will encourage further violations by
26 foreign fishermen and will not act as a deterrent or protect the interests
27 of the Alaska fishermen;

28 BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the State of Alaska offers this
29 resolution as an expression of its protest to the federal government for

1 the lenient disposition of the case against the Russian trawler.

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