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1 IN THE HOUSE

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2 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 10

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SIXTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to the establishment of a
6 cabinet level office of fisheries.

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

8 WHEREAS the production, development, and protection of our nation's
9 fisheries resources is of paramount concern to all the inhabitants of the
10 United States; and

11 WHEREAS Alaska's involvement in the nation's fishing industry is
12 critically important since 64 per cent of the fish-rich United States con-
13 tinental shelf is in Alaska; and

14 WHEREAS the United States finds itself with an increasing number of
15 foreign fleets off its shores, competing effectively with our fishermen and
16 making appreciable dents in our offshore resources; and

17 WHEREAS there exists a multiplicity of effort between federal agencies,
18 armed service branches, and private industry, yet the United States lacks
19 the singleness of purpose that will push us to the fore in developing our
20 oceans and solving our fisheries problems; and

21 WHEREAS our nation's vast fisheries resources constitute a rich
22 source of protein, not only for our own nation's use, but which is counted
23 on now and in the future by the hungry countries of the world;

24 BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the State of Alaska urges the
25 Congress of the United States to formulate a national fisheries policy and
26 establish a cabinet level office to administer it.

27 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Richard M.
28 Nixon, President of the United States; the Honorable Richard B. Russell,
29 President Pro Tempore of the Senate; the Honorable John W. McCormack,

1 Speaker of the House of Representatives; the Honorable Walter J. Hickel,
2 Secretary of the Department of the Interior; and to the Honorable Ted
3 Stevens and the Honorable Mike Gravel, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable
4 Howard W. Pollock, U. S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation
5 in Congress.
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