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IN THE SENATE BY LEWIS

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 72

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

SIXTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

Supporting passage of a bill in Congress which would make it a crime to send unsolicited obscene material through the mails to anyone.

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

WHEREAS American homes are being bombarded with the largest volume of sex-oriented mail in history; and

WHEREAS most of this obscene material is unsolicited, unwanted and deeply offensive to those who receive it; and

WHEREAS sending unsolicited obscene material through the mail to unsuspecting persons constitutes an abuse of the postal services for pandering purposes, and a gross invasion of personal privacy; and

WHEREAS Congress, being cognizant of the problems which literally hundreds of thousands of Americans are having with these unsolicited pornographic mass mailings, has before it several bills which attempt to control this postal abuse; and

WHEREAS one of these bills makes it a federal crime to send unsolicited obscene material to a person under the age of 18; and

WHEREAS this is a commendable bill but the implication remains that the sending of unsolicited obscene material to those over 18 is condoned;

BE IT RESOLVED by the Sixth Alaska Legislature that Congress is urged to amend the proposed bill which makes it a federal offense to send unsolicited obscene material through the mail to persons under 18, to prohibit the unsolicited sending of obscene material to anyone regardless of age or sex.

COPIES of this Resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Richard M.

Nixon, President of the United States; the Honorable John W. McCormack, Speaker of the House of Representatives; the Honorable Richard B. Russell, President Pro Tempore of the Senate; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Mike Gravel, U. S. Senators, and the Honorable Howard W. Pollock, U. S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.