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1 IN THE SENATE

BY THE RULES COMMITTEE  
BY REQUEST

2 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 89

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SIXTH LEGISLATURE -- SECOND SESSION

5 Relating to the establishment of an  
6 exclusive fisheries zone for the  
7 United States.

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

9 WHEREAS the present 12-mile exclusive fisheries zone of the United  
10 States is not adequate for the conservation of the stock of fish which this  
11 country will need to utilize fully in order to remain a major fishing  
12 nation; and

13 WHEREAS the United States has slipped to sixth place in world fisheries  
14 behind such nations as the Soviet Union and Communist China, which intend  
15 to expand their fishing efforts in the North Pacific; and

16 WHEREAS the commercial fishermen of the Pacific Northwest, as well as  
17 the economy of the United States as a whole, are being detrimentally  
18 affected by the heavy flow of imported foreign seafood products, gear con-  
19 flicts and other competition from the massive foreign fleets on the fishing  
20 grounds, and by the depletion of precious resources because of over-fishing  
21 and destructive fishing practices of foreign fleets; and

22 WHEREAS the United States has failed to implement fully two provisions  
23 from Geneva Conventions which would give our nation valuable bargaining  
24 tools in fisheries negotiations with other nations, the first of which  
25 states that sedentary species of fish on the Continental Shelf are part of  
26 the shelf and are considered to be the exclusive property of the coastal  
27 nation and the second of which provides for conservation of the living re-  
28 sources of the high seas and allows the United States to designate conserva-  
29 tion areas and promulgate conservation measures to protect these resources;

1 BE IT RESOLVED that the Congress of the United States is respectfully  
2 requested to enact legislation declaring that this nation's exclusive  
3 fisheries zone is expanded to a depth of 300 meters or the Continental  
4 Shelf of the United States, whichever is greater.

5 COPIES of this Resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Richard M.  
6 Nixon, President of the United States; the Honorable Walter J. Hickel,  
7 Secretary, Department of the Interior; the Honorable Donald L. McKernan,  
8 Special Assistant to the Secretary of the Interior for Fisheries and Wild-  
9 life; the Honorable John W. McCormack, Speaker of the U.S. House of  
10 Representatives; the Honorable Richard B. Russell, President Pro Tempore  
11 of the U.S. Senate; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Mike  
12 Gravel, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Howard W. Pollock, U.S. Representa-  
13 tive, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.