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BY THE RULES COMMITTEE  
BY REQUEST

1 IN THE SENATE

2 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 103

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SIXTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Opposing the establishment of a "nerve  
6 gas" storage depot on Kodiak Island.

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

8 WHEREAS "nerve gas" is one of the most lethal and least understood  
9 agents developed by the United States; and

10 WHEREAS storage of this lethal agent is with some attendant risk where-  
11 ever the site is located; and

12 WHEREAS Kodiak Island in Alaska is one of the most prone areas in the  
13 United States to have devastating earthquakes; and

14 WHEREAS the population center of Kodiak Island, the City of Kodiak, is  
15 on the north end of the Island and the only potential storage area for  
16 "nerve gas" is in some area to the south of the city; and

17 WHEREAS the prevailing wind on Kodiak Island is southwestern thus  
18 placing the City of Kodiak downwind from any storage site;

19 BE IT RESOLVED that the Sixth State Legislature urges that any action  
20 presently taken to store "nerve gas" on the Island of Kodiak be immediately  
21 rescinded and that a more appropriate location for storage be found.

22 COPIES of this Resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Richard M.  
23 Nixon, President of the United States; the Honorable Melvin R. Laird, Secre-  
24 tary of the Department of Defense; the Honorable John C. Stennis, Chairman  
25 of the Senate Armed Services Committee; the Honorable L. Mendell Rivers,  
26 Chairman of the House Armed Services Committee; and to the Honorable Ted  
27 Stevens and the Honorable Mike Gravel, U. S. Senators, and the Honorable  
28 Howard W. Pollock, U. S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation  
29 in Congress.