

Original sponsor: Labor and Management Committee

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1 IN THE HOUSE BY THE LABOR AND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE  
2 SENATE CS FOR HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 46  
3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA  
4 SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to the suspension of the  
6 Davis-Bacon Act.

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

8 WHEREAS President Nixon has recently announced the suspension of certain  
9 provisions of the 40-year-old Davis-Bacon Act which requires construction  
10 contractors to pay prevailing wages on federal construction projects;  
11 and

12 WHEREAS suspension of these provisions will most likely result in  
13 shifting a large amount of federal construction to lower-paid workers; and

14 WHEREAS the prime purpose of the Davis-Bacon Act is to assure that  
15 workers are paid the "prevailing wage" on federal projects in an area; and

16 WHEREAS many persons have migrated to Alaska already in search of non-  
17 existent jobs, and these persons would work at any wage level, thus lowering  
18 the wage and living standards of Alaska; and

19 WHEREAS almost all work performed by the building trades in Alaska is  
20 done by local contractors; and

21 WHEREAS there exists the possibility of an influx into Alaska of  
22 "outside" contractors who would pay a substandard wage which would further  
23 cause extreme hardship and unemployment among Alaska's resident workers; and

24 WHEREAS the President is authorized only "in the event of a national  
25 emergency" to suspend the provisions of the Davis-Bacon Act and the last  
26 time it had been suspended since its passage in 1931 was during World War II;  
27 and

28 WHEREAS this action will undermine fair labor standards for workers  
29 in the construction industry;

1 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that the President is  
2 urgently requested to immediately rescind his order which suspended the pro-  
3 visions of the Davis-Bacon Act.

4 COPIES of this Resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Richard M.  
5 Nixon, President of the United States; the Honorable James D. Hodgson,  
6 Secretary, Department of Labor; the Honorable John B. Connally, Secretary,  
7 Department of the Treasury; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the  
8 Honorable Mike Gravel, U. S. Senators, and the Honorable Nick Begich, U. S.  
9 Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.

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