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1 IN THE HOUSE

2 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 61

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to further atomic testing at  
6 Amchitka.

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

8 WHEREAS the Atomic Energy Commission currently plans to conduct addi-  
9 tional atomic testing at Amchitka; and

10 WHEREAS atomic testing offers the greatest potential for environmental  
11 degradation, both to the ecology of the land and to man personally; and

12 WHEREAS, before the last Amchitka atomic blast there was little, if any,  
13 information produced by the Atomic Energy Commission which would indicate  
14 to the state and its citizens that adequate measures had been taken to protect  
15 man in his personal and physical environment; and

16 WHEREAS there was little, if any, information released before the last  
17 test which dealt with the subject of what environmental degradation might  
18 possibly occur as a result of Project Milrow; and

19 WHEREAS the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 was passed by the  
20 United States Congress with the purpose of requiring environmental impact  
21 statements, with recommendations, before actions may be taken or legislative  
22 proposals passed which may significantly affect the quality of the human  
23 environment; and

24 WHEREAS such a monumental threat to life, property, and land as nuclear  
25 testing ought to be guided by the same or higher regulations, rules and  
26 safeguards as are imposed on such less onerous proposals as the construction  
27 of the North Slope pipeline;

28 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska Legislature that the Atomic Energy Commis-  
29 sion be directed to comply with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969

1 before it may proceed with further tests at Amchitka, including the issuance  
2 of, and hearings on an impact report regarding the proposed tests; and be it

3       FURTHER RESOLVED that the Governor is respectfully requested to take  
4 all action necessary and within his power to ensure the Atomic Energy  
5 Commission's compliance in this matter, including the institution of any  
6 legal proceedings necessary to force the Atomic Energy Commission to comply  
7 with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 before further atomic  
8 testing is permitted at Amchitka.

9       COPIES of this Resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Richard M.  
10 Nixon, President of the United States; Doctor Glenn T. Seaborg, Chairman,  
11 United States Atomic Energy Commission; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and  
12 the Honorable Mike Gravel, U. S. Senators, and to the Honorable Nick Begich,  
13 U. S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.

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