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BY THE RULES COMMITTEE BY REQUEST
OF THE SPECIAL PIPELINE IMPACT
JOINT COMMITTEE

1 IN THE HOUSE

2 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 72

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to the imposition of oil
6 pollution safeguards.

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

8 WHEREAS a permit allowing the construction of the trans-Alaska pipeline
9 from Prudhoe Bay to Valdez is anticipated after the Department of the
10 Interior has evaluated the testimony presented at the recent environmental
11 impact hearings; and

12 WHEREAS one of the major concerns as evidenced by the testimony at the
13 hearings was the danger of "tanker" accidents on the route from the proposed
14 pipeline terminus -- Valdez to Puget Sound; and

15 WHEREAS all Alaskans are desirous of seeing that every possible measure
16 is taken to assure the protection not only of Alaskan waters, but all waters
17 of the Pacific that could be affected by a tanker incident; and

18 WHEREAS the Alaska Legislature staunchly believes in the utmost safe-
19 guards being imposed on all aspects of the construction and operation of the
20 pipeline, including the transport of oil by tanker from Valdez to Puget
21 Sound; and

22 WHEREAS S 698, HR 3635 and HR 867, providing for a "Ports and Waterways
23 Safety Act of 1971", and S 699, HR 865 and HR 756, providing for a "Vessel
24 Bridge-to-Bridge Radiotelephone Act", make up much needed legislation to
25 increase the safety of transportation by sea and especially the safe trans-
26 portation of oil by tanker; and

27 WHEREAS the proposed legislation would also give the U. S. Coast Guard
28 authority to regulate ship movements in coastal and harbor areas;

29 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska Legislature that it heartily endorses the

1 aims and purposes of these bills and urges their swift consideration and
2 passage by the Congress.

3 COPIES of this Resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Richard M.
4 Nixon, President of the United States; the Honorable Rogers C. B. Morton,
5 Secretary of the Department of the Interior; the Honorable Warren G. Magnuson,
6 U. S. Senator and Chairman of the Senate Commerce Committee; the Honorable
7 Edward A. Garmatz, U. S. Representative and Chairman of the House Committee
8 on Merchant Marine and Fisheries; the Honorable Dan Evans, Governor of the
9 State of Washington; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Mike
10 Gravel, U. S. Senators, and the Honorable Nick Begich, U. S. Representative,
11 members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.

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