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1 IN THE HOUSE

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2 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 85

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to the proposed "Ocean
6 Mammal Protection Act of 1971.

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

8 WHEREAS S. 1315 has been introduced in the United States Senate and has
9 as its stated purpose the protection of ocean mammals; and

10 WHEREAS this Act, if passed, would completely prohibit the taking of
11 ocean mammals either on the high seas or on lands or waters under the juris-
12 diction of the United States, except for some minor exceptions; and

13 WHEREAS enactment of this legislation would completely pre-empt the
14 state of its right to regulate its own resources; and

15 WHEREAS all state jurisdiction over seal, whale, walrus, sea cow, sea
16 otter, sea lion, polar bear, porpoise, and dolphin would be lost; and

17 WHEREAS it is not only the right of the state to manage its own
18 resources, but the state has the superior knowledge and capability of
19 managing its mammal resources:

20 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska Legislature that it expresses its strongest
21 opposition to S. 1315 and urges the United States Congress to defeat the
22 proposed legislation.

23 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Rogers C. B.
24 Morton, Secretary Department of the Interior; the Honorable Warren G.
25 Magnuson, United States Senator and Chairman of the Senate Commerce Committee;
26 the Honorable Harley O. Staggers, United States Representative and Chairman
27 of the House Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee; and to the Honorable
28 Ted Stevens and the Honorable Mike Gravel, United States Senators, and the
29 Honorable Nick Begich, United States Representative, members of the Alaska

1 delegation in Congress.

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