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1 IN THE HOUSE BY THE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
2 SENATE CS FOR HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 85
3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
4 SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Relating to the provisional action of
6 the United States Department of State
7 delimitation of the territorial sea,
8 contiguous zone and certain internal
9 waters of the United States.

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

11 WHEREAS the United States Department of State has provisionally issued
12 charts showing its interpretations of existing legal interpretations
13 to delimit the territorial sea, contiguous zone and certain internal waters
14 of the United States; and

15 WHEREAS some waters historically considered as internal waters of the
16 State of Alaska are depicted on these charts as territorial sea or inter-
17 national waters; and

18 WHEREAS, if these charts are not revised, foreign vessels may fish with
19 impunity the boundaries of our country, thereby allowing foreign fishermen
20 to fish closer to Alaskan shores than ever before; and

21 WHEREAS, if allowed to stand, the provisional charts would enable
22 the federal government to obtain a disproportionate share of the underseas
23 mineral resources that would be affected under the proposal thereby causing
24 the state to lose possibly millions of dollars of revenue;

25 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska legislature that the United States Depart-
26 ment of State is urgently requested to review and revise the provisional
27 charts as they affect Alaska and urgently requests the United States Congress
28 to hold public hearings in Alaska in order to establish lines delineating
29 territorial, internal, contiguous and international waters utilizing

1 tradition, custom, and legal interpretations which are consistent with the
2 protection of our fishing areas and the rights of Alaska to our offshore
3 mineral potential.

4 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Richard M.
5 Nixon, President of the United States; the Honorable William P. Rogers,
6 Secretary of State; the Honorable Richard Kleindienst, Attorney General
7 Designate; the Honorable Rogers C.B. Morton, Secretary, Department of the
8 Interior; the Honorable J. W. Fulbright, Chairman, Senate Foreign Relations
9 Committee; the Honorable Thomas E. Morgan, Chairman, House Foreign Affairs
10 Committee; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Mike Gravel,
11 U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Nick Begich, U.S. Representative, members
12 of the Alaska delegation in Congress.