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1 IN THE SENATE

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2 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 24

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 the United  
10 States government 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 nonunion  
14 workers; and

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

18 WHEREAS the President is authorized only "in the event of a national  
19 emergency" to suspend the provisions of the Act and the last time it had  
20 been suspended since its passage in 1931 was during World War II; and

21 WHEREAS this action will undermine fair labor standards for workers  
22 in the construction industry;

23 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that the President is  
24 urgently requested to immediately rescind his order which suspended the  
25 provisions of the Davis-Bacon Act.

26 COPIES of this Resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Richard M.  
27 Nixon, President of the United States; the Honorable James D. Hodgson,  
28 Secretary, Department of Labor; the Honorable John B. Connally, Secretary,  
29 Department of the Treasury; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the

1 Honorable Mike Gravel, U. S. Senators, and the Honorable Nick Begich, U. S.  
2 Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.

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