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1 IN THE SENATE

2 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 37

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 pro-
12 vided for the delimitation of the territorial sea, contiguous zone and
13 certain internal waters of the United States; and

14 WHEREAS some waters historically defined as internal waters of the
15 State of Alaska have now been delimited as territorial sea or even inter-
16 national waters; and

17 WHEREAS, on the newly defined high seas, foreign vessels may explore with
18 impunity the boundaries of our country, thereby allowing foreign fishermen
19 to fish closer to Alaskan shores than ever before; and

20 WHEREAS, if allowed to stand, the provisional delimitation would enable
21 the federal government to obtain the "lion's" share of the underseas
22 mineral resources that would be affected under the proposal with the effect of
23 causing the state to possibly lose millions of dollars of revenue;

24 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska Legislature that the United States Depart-
25 ment of State is urgently requested to reconsider the provisional delimita-
26 tion as it is applied to Alaska and urgently requests the United States
27 Congress to hold public hearings in Alaska and in other affected states
28 in order to arrive at the establishment of lines delineating territorial,
29 internal, contiguous and international waters utilizing a more appropriate

legal basis.

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