

Original sponsor: Palmer

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Referred: Rules

1 IN THE SENATE BY THE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

2 CS FOR SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 57

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Opposing S. 2815.

6 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA;

7 WHEREAS the Congress of the United States presently is considering
8 S. 2815, by Senator Hart of Michigan and Senator Harris of Oklahoma, that
9 would require all citizens to surrender handguns to the federal government
10 within 180 days of the passage of the measure, except for law officers,
11 licensed security guards or members of licensed gun clubs with locked
12 storage places using the guns for bona fide target, sport shooting or other
13 legitimate recreational purposes; and

14 WHEREAS those turning in the handguns would receive in return whatever
15 the federal government adjudged the "fair market value" of the weapon, and
16 the penalty for failure to surrender the handgun would be as much as a
17 \$5,000 fine and five years in federal prison; and

18 WHEREAS the prohibition of the Act also would extend to handgun ammuni-
19 tion; and

20 WHEREAS the legislation further would prohibit the importation, manu-
21 facture, sale, purchase, transfer, receipt, possession, or transportation
22 of handguns except for or by members of the armed forces, law enforcement
23 officials and, as authorized by the Secretary of the Treasury, licensed
24 importers, manufacturers, dealers, antique collectors and pistol clubs; and

25 WHEREAS in the judgment of the Alaska Legislature this legislation
26 violates a citizen's right to keep and bear arms for his own protection or
27 for legitimate recreational use; and

28 WHEREAS Alaska's vast expanses of uninhabited land masses create unique
29 circumstances wherein the use of handguns for protection while trapping,

1 sport fishing, prospecting or traveling through the state is of major im-
2 portance;

3 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska Legislature that it opposes the enactment
4 of S. 2815.

5 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Richard M,
6 Nixon, President of the United States; the Honorable James O. Eastland,
7 Chairman, U.S. Senate Committee on Judiciary; the Honorable Philip Hart,
8 U.S. Senator; the Honorable Fred Harris, U.S. Senator; and to the Honorable
9 Ted Stevens and the Honorable Mike Gravel, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable
10 Nick Begich, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in
11 Congress.
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