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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 11

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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Relating to an Alaska delegate at

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the Law of the Sea Conference.

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

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WHEREAS Alaska's lengthy coastline, extensive continental shelf, and  
9 contiguous high seas areas contain extremely varied and valuable renewable  
10 and nonrenewable natural resources; and

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WHEREAS these natural resources, if wisely protected, managed, and con-  
12 served, can add immeasurably to the economic well-being of the residents not  
13 only of the State of Alaska but of the entire Nation; and

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WHEREAS the presence of vast fishery resources off the Alaska coast has  
15 already attracted the attention of Japan, Russia, and South Korea, and has  
16 stimulated these countries to underwrite the operation of large-scale  
17 fishing fleets off the Alaska coast in the North Pacific Ocean and Bering  
18 Sea; and

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WHEREAS these intensive and essentially unregulated fishing efforts have  
20 already seriously depleted the stocks of several species of fish and threaten  
21 to deplete the stocks of other important species; and

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WHEREAS the concern on the part of the State of Alaska for its renewable  
23 and nonrenewable coastal and offshore natural resources because of the  
24 potentially volatile international situation was responsible for the estab-  
25 lishment by the Seventh State Legislature of the Alaska Commission on the  
26 Conference of the Law of the Sea; and

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WHEREAS it is in the best interest of the State of Alaska and the Nation  
28 that Alaska have representation at the Law of the Sea Conference;

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BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska Legislature that the President of the

1 United States is respectfully requested to urge the United States Department  
2 of State to appoint an Alaska state official to the United States delegation  
3 to the Law of the Sea Conference; and be it

4 FURTHER RESOLVED that the United States Department of State appoint the  
5 members of the Alaska Commission on the Conference of the Law of the Sea to  
6 the United States Department of State's Industry Advisory Committee.

7 COPIES of this Resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Richard M.  
8 Nixon, President of the United States; the Honorable William P. Rogers,  
9 Secretary, Department of State; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the  
Honorable Mike Gravel, U. S. Senators, members of the Alaska delegation in  
Congress.

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