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1 IN THE SENATE

BY THE RULES COMMITTEE BY
REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR

2 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 15

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to the National Marine
6 Fisheries Service surveillance and
7 enforcement program.

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

9 WHEREAS enforcement and surveillance activities of the National Marine
10 Fisheries Service and United States Coast Guard personnel based in Alaska,
11 due to the provisions of the bilateral fisheries agreement between the
12 United States and Japan for the North Pacific Ocean and Bering Sea, have
13 disclosed numerous violations; and

14 WHEREAS Japanese fishing vessels have also been guilty of violations
15 of the abstention provisions of the International North Pacific Fisheries
16 Commission with regard to high seas salmon fishing; and

17 WHEREAS the United States has been trying for years to establish an
18 expanded observation, surveillance and enforcement program with regard to
19 the foreign high seas fishing effort; and

20 WHEREAS Japan steadfastly had resisted our efforts to establish a more
21 meaningful observer, surveillance and enforcement program but finally agreed
22 to the necessity for such expansion during the recent United States - Japan
23 bilateral fishery negotiations in Washington, D. C.; and

24 WHEREAS there have been recent indications that the federal government
25 might reduce funding to the National Marine Fisheries Service enforcement
26 and observer programs at the very time when Japan has agreed to an enlarged
27 program;

28 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska Legislature that the President of the
29 United States and the Secretary of Commerce are urgently requested to review

1 the importance to the United States of the enforcement and surveillance effort
2 in the North Pacific Ocean and Bering Sea; and be it

3 FURTHER RESOLVED that the President of the United States and the
4 Secretary of Commerce take all appropriate steps immediately to assure that
5 adequate funding for the expanded enforcement and surveillance program be
6 assured for both the balance of fiscal year 1972-73 and for fiscal year
7 1973-74.

8 COPIES of this Resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Richard M.
9 Nixon, President of the United States; the Honorable Fredrick Dent, Secretary
10 Designate, Department of Commerce; the Honorable Philip M. Roedel, Director,
11 National Marine Fisheries Service; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the
12 Honorable Mike Gravel, U. S. Senators, members of the Alaska delegation in
13 Congress.