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1 IN THE SENATE

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2 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 34 *Am*

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Opposing S. 1033.

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

7 WHEREAS S. 1033, recently introduced into the United States Congress,  
8 would, if enacted, ban the export of lumber; and

9 WHEREAS almost all of the sawmill production of Alaska mills is exported  
10 to Japan in sizes that would be prohibited by S. 1033; and

11 WHEREAS increasing wage, transportation, and environmental control costs  
12 make it absolutely impossible for Alaska sawmills to compete in any manner  
13 in the domestic markets of the United States; and

14 WHEREAS, except for a relatively insignificant number of local domestic  
15 small family sawmills, Alaska's sawmills cannot even compete within Alaska  
16 against lumber imports from the west coast of the United States and Canada;  
17 and

18 WHEREAS, under these circumstances the only effect of the proposed ban  
19 as it applies to Alaskan lumber exports would be to break the chain of  
20 interdependence vital to the continued life of Alaska's timber industry; and

21 WHEREAS if S.1033 were enacted and applied to Alaska it would have the  
22 devastating effect of completing wiping out the largest industry in south-  
23 eastern Alaska and the third largest in the entire state; and

24 WHEREAS at the same time such a ban on Alaska lumber exports would have  
25 the additional ill effect of depriving the United States of much needed  
26 favorable trade balances;

27 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska Legislature that it registers its most  
28 vigorous protest and opposition to S. 1033 and urges the Congress to defeat  
29 this proposal unless, at the very least, Alaska is exempted from the provisions

1 of the Act.

2 COPIES of this Resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Richard M.  
3 Nixon, President of the United States; the Honorable Fredrick B. Dent,  
4 Secretary, Department of Commerce; the Honorable Russell B. Long, Chairman,  
5 Senate Commerce Committee; the Honorable Herman E. Talmadge, Chairman,  
6 Senate Agriculture and Forestry Committee; the Honorable W. R. Poage,  
7 Chairman, House Agriculture Committee; the Honorable Harley O. Staggers,  
8 Chairman, House Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee; and to the  
9 Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Mile Gravel, U. S. Senators, and  
10 the Honorable Don Young, U. S. Representative, members of the Alaska dele-  
11 gation in Congress.

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