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1 IN THE SENATE BY THE RESOURCES COMMITTEE
2 HOUSE CS FOR SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 34
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 timber; 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 timber 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 timber exports would be to break the chain of inter-
20 dependence 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 completely 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 timber exports would have
25 the additional ill effect of depriving the United States of much needed
26 favorable trade balances; and

27 WHEREAS the price of lumber to citizens of the United States has consis-
28 tently risen due to exportation of our Pacific Northwest timber;

29 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska Legislature that it registers its most

1 vigorous protest to the inclusion of Alaska in S. 1033 and urges the Congress
2 to pass S. 1033 only if Alaska is exempted from the provisions of the Act.

3 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Richard M.
4 Nixon, President of the United States; the Honorable Fredrick B. Dent,
5 Secretary, Department of Commerce; the Honorable John J. Sparkman, Chairman,
6 Senate Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs Committee; the Honorable Russell B.
7 Long, Chairman, Senate Commerce Committee; the Honorable Herman E. Talmadge,
8 Chairman, Senate Agriculture and Forestry Committee; the Honorable W. R.
9 Poage, Chairman, House Agriculture Committee; the Honorable Harley O.
10 Staggers, Chairman, House Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee; and to
11 the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Mike Gravel, U. S. Senators,
12 and the Honorable Don Young, U. S. Representative, members of the Alaska
13 delegation in Congress.