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1 IN THE SENATE

BY ZIEGLER, MELAND, RAY,
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2 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 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 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 John J. Sparkman,
4 Chairman, Senate Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs Committee; the
5 Honorable Fredrick B. Dent, Secretary, Department of Commerce; the Honorable
6 Russell B. Long, Chairman, Senate Commerce Committee; the Honorable Herman
7 E. Talmadge, Chairman, Senate Agriculture and Forestry Committee; the
8 Honorable W. R. Poage, Chairman, House Agriculture Committee; the Honorable
9 Harley O. Staggers, Chairman, House Interstate and Foreign Commerce
0 Committee; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Mike Gravel,
1 U. S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U. S. Representative, members
2 of the Alaska delegation in Congress.

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