

1 IN THE SENATE

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2 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 57

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Relating to the establishment of
6 national grainery storage facilities.

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

8 WHEREAS although at the present time the United States is blessed with
9 an abundance of food stuffs; and

10 WHEREAS even though at present there is no danger of a serious food
11 emergency in this country, this may not always be so; and

12 WHEREAS if a serious food shortage did ever occur in this country, the
13 result would be catastrophic and would undermine the very cornerstones of
14 our democratic form of government; and

15 WHEREAS it is in the best interests of the United States and all of its
16 citizens to be prepared for any emergency;

17 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that it respectfully
18 requests the President of the United States to direct the Secretary of the
19 Department of Agriculture to cause legislation to be introduced into the
20 United States Congress which would establish national grainery storage areas
21 in key geographic areas throughout the United States consisting of ware-
22 houses and grain elevators to be utilized for the storage of wheat, rice,
23 and lesser grains to be used for human consumption in times of emergency;
24 and be it

25 FURTHER RESOLVED that the legislature provide that whenever feasible
26 existing facilities be used for such storage and that at least 40,000,000
27 tons of such food stuffs be on hand at any one time although the Department
28 of Agriculture would have the latitude to rotate the stored food.

29 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Richard M.

1 Nixon, President of the United States; the Honorable Earl Butz, Secretary,
2 Department of Agriculture; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the
3 Honorable Mike Gravel, U. S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U. S.
4 Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.
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