

1 IN THE SENATE

BY THE LABOR AND MANAGEMENT
COMMITTEE

2 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 61

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Opposing passage of S. 2008.

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

7 WHEREAS S. 2008, commonly known as the Williams-Javits bill, is currently
8 pending before the United States Congress; and

9 WHEREAS, if enacted, this legislation would federalize all state work-
10 men's compensation programs; and

11 WHEREAS Alaska already, almost without exception, conforms to the spirit
12 and intent of the proposed legislation; and

13 WHEREAS federal intervention in this area would have the practical effect
14 of wasting the incentive and momentum now existing at the state level and
15 render our experience and improvements for naught by having the federal govern-
16 ment immediately usurp total control of our workmen's compensation program;
17 and

18 WHEREAS the individual states can best achieve equitable and adequate
19 levels of performance within the existing philosophy of state-controlled
20 workmen's compensation programs;

21 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that it vigorously opposes
22 S. 2008 and urges the United States Congress to reject, in toto, the Williams-
23 Javits proposal.

24 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Richard M.
25 Nixon, President of the United States; the Honorable Harrison A. Williams, Jr.,
26 Chairman, Senate Labor and Public Welfare Committee; the Honorable Carl D.
27 Perkins, Chairman, House Education and Labor Committee; and to the Honorable
28 Ted Stevens and the Honorable Mike Gravel, U. S. Senators, and the Honorable
29 Don Young, U. S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.