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2 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 24

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 NINTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to the functions and standards
6 of the Environmental Protection Agency.

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

8 WHEREAS the Environmental Protection Agency is rapidly becoming involved
9 in almost every facet of American life and that agency has few, if any,
10 statutory guidelines to follow; and

11 WHEREAS one prime example is the required standards regarding sewage
12 treatment plants which are applied across the land to all communities without
13 regard to differing locations, circumstances, or needs; and

14 WHEREAS the federal government has not provided adequate monetary
15 resources to states or local communities which do not have the money required
16 to meet the sewage treatment plant standards and will not have for many
17 years to come; and

18 WHEREAS it is a fact of life that businesses throughout the nation must
19 be able to operate if the United States is to continue to have its present
20 high standard of living and our citizens the opportunity to be gainfully
21 employed; and

22 WHEREAS in Alaska our developing communities have the special burden,
23 if the present standards are not reexamined and rewritten in an equitable
24 and realistic fashion, of having to go from no sewage facilities to extremely
25 sophisticated systems which are far beyond the ability of any of the com-
26 munities to pay;

27 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that the United States
28 Congress undertake an immediate review of the functions and powers of the
29 Environmental Protection Agency with the viewpoint of establishing definite

1 statutory guidelines the agency must follow and to set realistic standards
2 for clean water laws, as well as for other areas entered into by the agency,
3 so that equitable and realistic standards are passed which take into account
4 differing circumstances and needs of the various areas and local communities
5 in the country.

6 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Gerald R.
7 Ford, President of the United States; the Honorable Russell E. Train,
8 Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency; and to the Honorable Ted
9 Stevens and the Honorable Mike Gravel, U. S. Senators, and the Honorable Don
10 Young, U. S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.

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