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1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE RESOURCES COMMITTEE

2 SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 29

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 NINTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to federal leasing of the Alaska

6 outer continental shelf for oil and gas.

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

8 WHEREAS the National Academy of Sciences and the U. S. Environmental  
9 Protection Agency have urged that no offshore oil development be permitted in  
10 the Gulf of Alaska outer continental shelf at this time, and the President's  
11 Council on Environmental Quality has concluded that the Northeastern Gulf of  
12 Alaska presents the greatest risks to offshore oil drilling of any area of the  
13 nation; and

14 WHEREAS the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and the  
15 President's Council on Environmental Quality have stressed the lack of avail-  
16 able knowledge on Alaskan outer continental shelf regions, and the impact of  
17 outer continental shelf development activity upon the Alaskan coastal ecology  
18 and environment; and

19 WHEREAS the United States Department of the Interior appears committed  
20 to a program of massive outer continental shelf leasing during the Fall of  
21 1975 throughout Alaska, despite the warnings of other federal agencies and  
22 the great concerns heretofore voiced by the state; and

23 WHEREAS a more reasonable time frame is necessary to approach the  
24 environmental and economic problems with intelligence and judgment;

25 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that the United States  
26 Department of the Interior is urgently requested to reappraise its program of  
27 precipitous development of the Alaska outer continental shelf, and that no  
28 outer continental shelf oil or gas leases be granted in any Alaska outer  
29 continental shelf region until:

1 (1) full compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act,  
2 and all required environmental and special studies are completed and analyzed,  
3 and their findings fully and fairly weighed against the possible benefits of  
4 Alaska outer continental shelf leasing;

5 (2) substantial practical experience has been gained in areas in  
6 which environmental risks are less, and regional oil demands are greater;

7 (3) advances in technology have significantly lowered the cur-  
8 rently immense risks of Alaska outer continental shelf development;

9 (4) Congress has provided for a full and fair sharing of revenues  
10 generated by outer continental shelf leasing, so that the states may recoup  
11 the economic losses which outer continental shelf-related development will  
12 cause;

13 (5) criteria are developed for the exclusion from oil development  
14 of those outer continental shelf regions possessing significant renewable  
15 resource potential which might be of greater value than the oil produced; and

16 (6) Congress has provided for an equal state role in outer conti-  
17 nental shelf leasing management, regulation and supervision.

18 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Gerald R. Ford,  
19 President of the United States; the Honorable Stanley K. Hathaway, Secretary  
20 Designate, Department of the Interior; the Honorable Curtis Berklund,  
21 Director, Bureau of Land Management; the Honorable Henry M. Jackson, Chair-  
22 man, Senate Interior and Insular Affairs Committee; the Honorable Warren G.  
23 Magnuson, Chairman, Senate Commerce Committee; the Honorable James A. Haley,  
24 Chairman, House Interior and Insular Affairs Committee; the Honorable Harley  
25 O. Staggers, Chairman, House Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee; the  
26 governors of all coastal zone states; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and  
27 the Honorable Mike Gravel, U. S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U. S.  
28 Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.  
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