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1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE RESOURCES COMMITTEE

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

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 NINTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to federal leasing of the
6 Alaska outer continental shelf for oil
7 and gas.

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

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

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

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

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

26 WHEREAS the State of Alaska estimates that the population of Alaska's
27 coastal zone will increase greatly as a result of rapid outer continental
28 shelf development throughout the state, imposing significant net yearly
29 costs to the state;

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

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

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

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

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

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

22 (6) Congress has provided for an equal state role in outer
23 continental shelf leasing management, regulation and supervision.

24 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Gerald R.
25 Ford, President of the United States; the Honorable Stanley K. Hathaway,
26 Secretary Designate, Department of the Interior; the Honorable Curtis
27 Berklund, Director, Bureau of Land Management; the Honorable Henry M.
28 Jackson, Chairman, Senate Interior and Insular Affairs Committee; the
29 Honorable Warren G. Magnuson, Chairman, Senate Commerce Committee; the

1 Honorable James A. Haley, Chairman, House Interior and Insular Affairs
2 Committee; the Honorable Harley O. Staggers, Chairman, House Interstate and
3 Foreign Commerce Committee; the governors of all coastal zone states; and
4 to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Mike Gravel, U. S. Senators,
5 and the Honorable Don Young, U. S. Representative, members of the Alaska
6 delegation in Congress.

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