

Original sponsors: Judiciary Committee
By Request

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Referred: Rules

1 IN THE SENATE BY THE RESOURCES COMMITTEE

2 CS FOR SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 83 am

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 NINTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Supporting the Governor's position for a
6 delay in offshore lease sales for the Gulf
7 of Alaska.

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

9 WHEREAS announcement of the federal offshore leasing schedule in the
10 Gulf of Alaska produced widespread concern that the environmental consequen-
11 ces had not been adequately studied or explored; and

12 WHEREAS the Governor has indicated formal objection to offshore leasing
13 in the area at this time; and

14 WHEREAS the recommendation of the Council on Environmental Quality,
15 endorsed by the Department of the Interior's National Outer Continental
16 Shelf Advisory Board, was that a delay in the sale in this area was most
17 desirable from the standpoint of environmental quality; and

18 WHEREAS additional sales in other Alaskan areas are proceeding under the
19 same unacceptable federal program on an accelerated schedule which is not in
20 the state's interest;

21 BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE Alaska State Legislature concurs with the posi-
22 tion taken by the Governor of Alaska concerning the necessity for the delay
23 in offshore lease sales for the Gulf of Alaska and further urges the Governor
24 to pursue whatever course of action, including litigation if necessary, that
25 will protect the state's interest; and be it

26 FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature encourages the Governor to con-
27 tinue to seek substantial improvements in the federal program, including
28 impact assistance, and to do so by all appropriate methods, including
29 requests for delay in other lease sales.