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1 IN THE SENATE

BY THE RESOURCES COMMITTEE

2 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 39

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 NINTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to port facilities for foreign  
6 nations.

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

8 WHEREAS nations with large fishing fleets that operate off the Alaska  
9 coast have been seeking port privileges in the United States under the  
10 auspices of bilateral negotiations; and

11 WHEREAS authorization of port privileges would encourage further depen-  
12 dence by foreign nations on Alaskan fish and shellfish stocks at a time when  
13 reduction of the foreign fishing effort is in order; and

14 WHEREAS foreign nations have in many instances fished for fish and  
15 shellfish off Alaska's coast in a manner or at a rate inconsistent with the  
16 maintenance in perpetuity of a renewable resource, and the granting of port  
17 privileges would increase opportunities for undesirable fishing practices  
18 including overfishing; and

19 WHEREAS the granting of port privileges to foreign vessels would increase  
20 the efficiency of their operations, making it more difficult for United  
21 States nationals to compete favorably with them; and

22 WHEREAS the granting of port privileges would increase foreign fishing  
23 vessel traffic in Alaskan waters, making it more difficult to enforce exist-  
24 ing limitations imposed by treaty or statute on foreign vessels; and

25 WHEREAS there is a lack of facilities within Alaskan ports to accommo-  
26 date frequent visits by foreign fishing vessels without substantial inconven-  
27 ience to Alaskan citizens; and

28 WHEREAS heavy foreign vessel traffic within Alaska's intricate system  
29 of waterways would create a substantial risk of damage to fixed and mobile

1 fishing gear operated by United States citizens in Alaskan territorial waters;  
2 and

3 WHEREAS Alaska's valuable recreational fishery would be adversely  
4 impacted by increased foreign vessel traffic resulting from an extension of  
5 port privileges to foreign nations; and

6 WHEREAS the foregoing does not apply to the operations of Canadians  
7 being conducted under the provisions of the Convention for the Preservation  
8 of the Halibut Fishery of the North Pacific Ocean and Bering Sea, or other  
9 international agreements to which the United States is a party;

10 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that it is the policy of  
11 the State of Alaska that no foreign fishing or fishery support vessels  
12 (except research vessels) be permitted within the marginal sea of the State  
13 of Alaska for any purpose, except where an emergency exists involving danger  
14 to life or property; and be it

15 FURTHER RESOLVED that the United States Department of State is urgently  
16 requested to respect this policy in conducting negotiations with foreign  
17 nations.

18 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Henry A.  
19 Kissinger, Secretary, Department of State; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens  
20 and the Honorable Mike Gravel, U. S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young,  
21 U. S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.  
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