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BY THE LABOR AND MANAGEMENT
COMMITTEE

1 IN THE HOUSE

2 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 78 am

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 TENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Relating to the issuance of work permits
6 to non-immigrant aliens for jobs in
7 Alaska's fish processing industry.

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

9 WHEREAS Alaska chronically suffers from a very high rate of unemployment;
10 and

11 WHEREAS the United States Department of Labor has issued permits to a
12 substantial number of non-immigrant aliens allowing them to work in certain
13 designated positions in Alaska's fish processing industry; and

14 WHEREAS the Alaska Department of Labor is not being consulted as to the
15 effect such employment of non-immigrant aliens has on the state's overall
16 employment situation; and

17 WHEREAS the effect of this practice is that qualified or trainable
18 Alaskan workers may lose employment opportunities to non-immigrant aliens;

19 BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature urges the United States
20 Department of Labor to conduct with the Alaska Department of Labor an im-
21 mediate investigation of the serious allegation that non-immigrant aliens
22 certified to work in certain designated positions in Alaska's fish processing
23 industry are, in fact, also working in other positions, so that any abuse of
24 the labor certification special exemptions shall immediately cease, and in
25 the future to first consult with the Alaska Department of Labor as to the
26 availability of Alaskan workers for certain jobs before issuing work permits
27 to non-immigrant aliens for those jobs.

28 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Ray Marshall,
29 Secretary of Labor, and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Mike

1 Gravel, U. S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U. S. Representative,
2 members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.
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