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1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

2 CS HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 83 AM
3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
4 TENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Regarding the recent decision prohibiting
6 the transportation of sealed handguns
7 through Canada.

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

9 WHEREAS the United States and Canada have a long history of friendly
10 relations; and

11 WHEREAS citizens of the United States and Canada have historically
12 passed over our common border with a minimum of procedural formalities; and

13 WHEREAS, this custom has been exemplified on the common borders between
14 the State of Alaska and the Yukon territory and British Columbia; and

15 WHEREAS Alaskan residents and other residents of the United States
16 traveling between southeastern Alaska and the remainder of the state by
17 automobile must necessarily use the Canadian portion of the "Alaska Highway";
18 and

19 WHEREAS Alaskan residents traveling this highway have customarily been
20 allowed to carry handguns between points in the United States when the gun is
21 sealed by Canadian authorities; and

22 WHEREAS a recent decision of the Canadian Department of Revenue, Cus-
23 toms, and Excises that this privilege will terminate June 15, 1978 has been
24 announced; and

25 WHEREAS this decision will cause substantial inconvenience to American
26 citizens traveling through Canada;

27 BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature, on behalf of the
28 residents of Alaska, respectfully requests a reconsideration of this decision
29 and a continuation of the existing policy by the Canadian Department of

1 Revenue, Customs, and Excises.

2 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Pierre Elliott
3 Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada and to the Honorable Joseph Guay, Minister
4 of Revenue, Customs, and Excises; and to the Honorable Cyrus R. Vance,
5 Secretary of State of the United States; the Honorable W. Michael Blumenthal,
6 Secretary of the Treasury of the United States; and to the Honorable Ted
7 Stevens, and the Honorable Mike Gravel, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable
8 Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.

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