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1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

2 CS FOR HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 83

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 the United States Department of  
29 State to urge the Government of Canada to reconsider this decision and to

1 continue the existing policy of allowing Americans to pass through Canada  
2 between two points in the United States with handguns sealed by Canadian  
3 authorities.

4 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Cyrus R. Vance,  
5 Secretary of State of the United States; the Honorable Thomas O. Enders, the  
6 United States Ambassador to Canada; the Honorable William Richards Bennett,  
7 Premier of British Columbia; the Honorable A. M. Pearson, Commissioner of  
8 the Yukon Territory; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens, and the Honorable Mike  
9 Gravel, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative,  
10 members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.

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