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1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

2 CS FOR 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 of the United States traveling between south-
16 eastern Alaska and the remainder of the state by automobile must necessarily
17 use the Canadian portion of the "Alaska Highway"; and

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

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

24 WHEREAS this decision will cause substantial inconvenience to Alaskan
25 residents traveling through Canada;

26 BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature, on behalf of the
27 residents of Alaska, respectfully requests the United States Department of
28 State to urge the Government of Canada to reconsider this decision and to
29 continue the existing policy of allowing Alaskan citizens of the United

1 States to pass through Canada between two points in Alaska with handguns
2 sealed by Canadian authorities.

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

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