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1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE RESOURCES COMMITTEE

2 HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 17

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Asking the Department of the Interior
6 to delay the scheduling of oil and
7 gas lease sales on the outer conti-
8 nental shelf adjacent to Alaska.

9 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

10 WHEREAS the United States Department of the Interior has proposed a
11 five-year lease sale schedule for tracts on the outer continental shelf
12 adjacent to Alaska; and

13 WHEREAS the State of Alaska has consistently requested that three of the
14 scheduled lease sales -- those involving tracts on the North Aleutian Shelf,
15 St. George Basin, and the Chukchi Sea -- be postponed; and

16 WHEREAS these three lease sale areas are areas which have unusually high
17 fisheries value, and which will require additional time in which to develop
18 information as the basis for sound coastal management planning for the land
19 and water adjacent to them; and

20 WHEREAS premature and hasty exploration and development of the North
21 Aleutian Shelf and the St. George Basin for oil and gas could have a debili-
22 tating effect on the fisheries; and

23 WHEREAS the United States Department of Commerce and the Environmental
24 Protection Agency have recommended delays in the lease sales for these areas;
25 and

26 WHEREAS, the decision made by the Secretary of the Interior ignores the
27 interests of the state and destroys any hope of cooperative management of the
28 natural resources affected by the decision;

29 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska House of Representatives that it respect-

1 fully requests the Secretary of the Interior to delay proposed oil and gas
2 lease sales for the North Aleutian Shelf, St. George Basin and Chukchi Sea
3 outer continental shelf tracts.

4 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Cecil D. Andrus,
5 Secretary of the Interior; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable
6 Mike Gravel, U. S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U. S. Representa-
7 tive, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.

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