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1 IN THE HOUSE

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2 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 14

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 TWELFTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Urging the United States Congress to
6 propose to the people of the United
7 States an amendment to the Constitu-
8 tion of the United States, or to call
9 a convention for the purpose of
10 adopting the "Liberty Amendment".

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

12 WHEREAS an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, commonly
13 known as the "Liberty Amendment", has been before several sessions of Con-
14 gress and undoubtedly will be before the current session of Congress also;
15 and

16 WHEREAS the text of the proposed Liberty Amendment reads:

17 "Article _

18 Section 1. The Government of the United States shall not engage in
19 any business, professional, commercial, financial or industrial enter-
20 prise except as specified in the Constitution.

21 Section 2. The Constitution or laws of any State, or the laws of
22 the United States shall not be subject to the terms of any foreign or
23 domestic agreement which would abrogate this amendment.

24 Section 3. The activities of the United States Government which
25 violate the intent and purposes of this amendment shall, within a period
26 of three (3) years from the date of ratification of this amendment, be
27 liquidated and the properties and facilities affected shall be sold.

28 Section 4. Three (3) years after the ratification of this amend-
29 ment, the sixteenth Article of amendments to the Constitution of the

1 United States shall stand repealed and thereafter Congress shall not
2 levy taxes on personal incomes, estates, and/or gifts."; and

3 WHEREAS adoption of the "Liberty Amendment" would reduce the national
4 debt and the annual spending by the federal government, and the revenues
5 from excise taxes on goods, services, and corporate incomes would be greatly
6 increased, all to the effect of cancelling the need for any revenue from
7 personal income, estate, or gift taxes;

8 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that it respectfully
9 requests the Congress of the United States to propose to the people the
10 "Liberty Amendment" to the Constitution of the United States or in the
11 alternative to call a convention for that purpose as provided for in Article
12 V of the Constitution of the United States.

13 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Strom Thurmond,
14 President Pro Tempore of the United States Senate; the Honorable Thomas P.
15 O'Neill, Jr., Speaker of the United States House of Representatives; and to
16 the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Frank Murkowski, U. S. Senators,
17 and the Honorable Don Young, U. S. Representative, members of the Alaska
18 delegation in Congress.