

1 IN THE SENATE

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2 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 11

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 TWELFTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to actions of the Bolivian  
6 government.

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

8 WHEREAS the military regime headed by General Luis Garcia Meza has in-  
9 terrupted Bolivia's progress toward democracy and constitutional government  
10 by overthrowing a civilian interim government on July 17, 1980; and

11 WHEREAS the Bolivian regime has engaged in mass arrests, torture,  
12 repression of civil rights, executions, censorship, religious harassment,  
13 and violence inflicted on the people of Bolivia; and

14 WHEREAS the continued suppression of civil and human rights is generat-  
15 ing support for communism as an alternative form of government; and

16 WHEREAS the Bolivian regime is reported by the United States State  
17 Department to have significant connections with drug traffickers; and

18 WHEREAS Amnesty International has estimated that at least 1,000 arrests  
19 have been made in Bolivia since July 17, 1980, and has requested that the  
20 Bolivian government compile and release a list of persons imprisoned or  
21 killed; and

22 WHEREAS the United Nations International Labor Organization has asked  
23 the Bolivian regime for permission to investigate alleged violations of  
24 trade union rights; and

25 WHEREAS two American priests from the Maryknoll Mission in Ossining,  
26 New York, Father William J. Coy and Father John C. Moynihan, have been  
27 arrested in Bolivia without charges, and, although they have been released  
28 they fear further harassment if they re-enter the country; and

29 WHEREAS the Bolivian regime has reportedly detained and harassed jour-

1 nalists from other countries, including the United States; and

2 WHEREAS the United States State Department has reported that the  
3 Bolivian regime has threatened by implication United States citizens in  
4 Bolivia; and

5 WHEREAS the United States State Department has taken steps against the  
6 regime in Bolivia, including terminating military assistance, curtailing  
7 economic assistance, and reducing the official United States presence in La  
8 Paz;

9 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that the United States  
10 should not reestablish at a normal level an official presence in Bolivia and  
11 should not furnish any military or economic assistance which has been termi-  
12 nated since the Bolivian regime assumed power on July 17, 1980, unless the  
13 President determines that civil rights have been restored to the people of  
14 Bolivia, United States citizens who have been detained for political reasons  
15 have been released and the Bolivian regime has promised that no reprisals  
16 will be taken against them, the democratic process has been restored in  
17 Bolivia, and the reported involvement of the Bolivian regime in international  
18 drug conspiracies has been properly assessed.

19 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Ronald Reagan,  
20 President of the United States; the Honorable Richard L. Ottinger, U.S.  
21 Representative, and the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Frank  
22 Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative,  
23 members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.

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