

1 IN THE SENATE

BY THE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

2 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 85

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 TWELFTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Requesting the President of the
6 United States to propose a freeze on
7 nuclear weapons, the transfer of
8 funds used for nuclear weapons to use
9 for peaceful nonnuclear uses, and
10 nuclear disarmament by all nations .

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

12 WHEREAS the unleashing of nuclear weapons in warfare would cause untold
13 deaths, suffering, and destruction; and

14 WHEREAS the continued development, testing, and production of nuclear
15 weaponry and related delivery systems increase distrust and apprehension
16 among nations, the likelihood of nuclear accidents, and the potential magni-
17 tude of any international conflict; and

18 WHEREAS the escalation of the nuclear arms race by the United States and
19 the Soviet Union at ever-increasing human and financial costs maintains the
20 balance of power, but does not contribute to national security; and

21 WHEREAS the burgeoning defense budget required for production and
22 deployment of nuclear weapons increases the United States budget deficit; and

23 WHEREAS governmental spending for nuclear weaponry and related delivery
24 systems would be spent more wisely in peaceful pursuits;

25 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that the President of the
26 United States is respectfully requested to propose to the Soviet Union and
27 other nations

28 (1) a mutual freeze on the testing, production, and deployment of
29 nuclear weapons and of missiles, watercraft, and aircraft designed primarily

1 to deliver nuclear weapons;

2 (2) verification safeguards for the freeze that are satisfactory
3 to all parties; and

4 (3) eventual nuclear disarmament by all nations; and be it
5 FURTHER RESOLVED that, if such a freeze is mutually agreed upon, the
6 President of the United States is respectfully requested to propose that
7 funds that would have been used for nuclear military purposes be used for
8 peaceful nonnuclear uses; and be it

9 FURTHER RESOLVED that the Alaska Delegation in Congress is respectfully
10 requested to urge President Reagan to make the proposals requested in this
11 resolution.

12 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Ronald Reagan,
13 President of the United States; and the Honorable Ted Stevens and the
14 Honorable Frank Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S.
15 Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.

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