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1 IN THE SENATE

BY THE RULES COMMITTEE

2 CS FOR SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 85 (Rules) am

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 from nuclear weapons to peaceful
9 nonnuclear uses, and nuclear disarmament
10 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 burgeoning defense budget required for production and deploy-
19 ment of nuclear weapons increases the United States budget deficit; and

20 WHEREAS governmental spending for nuclear weaponry and related delivery
21 systems may be spent more wisely in peaceful pursuits;

22 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that the President of the
23 United States is respectfully requested to propose to the Soviet Union and
24 other nations

25 (1) a mutual freeze on the testing, production, and deployment of
26 nuclear weapons and of missiles, watercraft, and aircraft designed primarily
27 to deliver nuclear weapons;

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

1 (3) eventual nuclear disarmament by all nations; and be it

2 FURTHER RESOLVED that, if such a freeze is mutually agreed upon and the
3 Soviet Union has conclusively proved that it has frozen all nuclear testing,
4 production, and deployment, the President of the United States is respectfully
5 requested to propose that funds that would have been used for nuclear military
6 purposes be used for peaceful nonnuclear uses; and be it

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

10 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Ronald Reagan,
11 President of the United States; and the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honor-
12 able Frank Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Repre-
13 sentative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.