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Referred: Labor & Commerce
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1 IN THE HOUSE

BY FURNACE BY REQUEST

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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 4

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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Relating to recommendations of the

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Alaska Statehood Commission regarding

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the Jones Act.

8 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

9 WHEREAS the Jones Act (Merchant Marine Act of 1920) was intended to
10 protect our nation's merchant marine fleet; and

11 WHEREAS the Jones Act requires that vessels engaged in coastal trade
12 between United States ports be built in the United States, be owned by
13 United States citizens, and be operated by United States citizens; and

14 WHEREAS those requirements protect United States businesses engaged in
15 coastal trade from unfair competition by foreign ships; and

16 WHEREAS the Alaska Statehood Commission, in its final report of
17 January 1983, recommends that Alaska seek an amendment to the Jones Act
18 which would allow foreign-built vessels to be used in coastal trade between
19 United States ports, and further recommends seeking ultimate repeal of the
20 Jones Act in its entirety; and

21 WHEREAS the immediate and future economic, environmental and political
22 impact of those recommendations should be weighed carefully before they are
23 acted on;

24 BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska House of Representatives respectfully
25 requests the Governor to direct the Department of Labor to work with the
26 House Labor and Commerce Committee and the House Judiciary Committee to
27 prepare a critique of the Alaska Statehood Commission's Final Report re-
28 garding the Jones Act.