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1 IN THE SENATE BY THE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
2 CS FOR SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 38 (State Affairs)
3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
4 THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION
5 Relating to a nuclear free arctic.
6 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:
7 WHEREAS the main purpose of establishing nuclear free zones, as of all
8 good security policies, is to prevent nuclear war; and
9 WHEREAS other states, cities, and nations have pursued resolutions
10 establishing nuclear free zones; and
11 WHEREAS these zones would add to the likelihood of peace in the world;
12 and
13 WHEREAS the Soviet Union has deployed nuclear missiles capable of
14 hitting Alaska and Western Canada, and the resultant escalation may further
15 endanger the lives of the state's population; and
16 WHEREAS nuclear weapons are themselves nuclear targets, and to remove
17 the targets will reduce the risk of destruction to the territory in which
18 they are located in case of nuclear war; and
19 WHEREAS the radioactive contamination of the arctic region from the
20 previous use and testing of nuclear weapons has caused the permanent inhab-
21 itants of the arctic to carry body-burdens of long-lived, biologically
22 dangerous radionuclides in amounts in excess of all the world's people
23 except for the victims in Hiroshima and Nagasaki during August, 1945; and
24 WHEREAS any further deposition of nuclear materials in the arctic
25 food-chain will result in biologically unacceptable radiation standards for
26 arctic people and ecosystems; and
27 WHEREAS the Inuit Circumpolar Conference passed a resolution restrict-
28 ing the arctic to uses that are peaceful and environmentally safe, and
29 prohibiting the use of, testing of, storage of, and exploration for

1 materials related to nuclear devices; and

2 WHEREAS the people of Alaska desire to continue to live in freedom in
3 a world that is at peace and safe from nuclear pollution;

4 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that the Governor and
5 Alaska congressional delegation are requested to promote and initiate
6 efforts to

7 (1) encourage bilateral and multi-lateral agreements and treat-
8 ies between nations establishing the arctic as a nuclear free zone;

9 (2) obtain agreements and treaties to ban from the arctic all
10 items capable of nuclear weapons delivery;

11 (3) prevent all parties, including the military, from disposing
12 of radioactive and nuclear wastes and materials in the arctic; and

13 (4) obtain agreements and treaties to prevent nuclear testing or
14 nuclear devices in the arctic or elsewhere in the atmosphere, because these
15 activities result in increased levels of radiation in the arctic.

16 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Ted Stevens
17 and the Honorable Frank Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don
18 Young, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.