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1 IN THE SENATE BY THE RESOURCES COMMITTEE  
2 CS FOR SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 38 (Resources)  
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 region above the arctic  
20 circle from the previous use and testing of nuclear weapons has caused the  
21 permanent inhabitants of the arctic region to carry body-burdens of long-  
22 lived, biologically dangerous radionuclides in amounts in excess of all the  
23 world's people except for the victims in Hiroshima and Nagasaki during  
24 August, 1945; and  
25 WHEREAS any further deposition of nuclear materials in the food-chain  
26 of the arctic region will result in biologically unacceptable radiation  
27 standards for arctic people and ecosystems; and  
28 WHEREAS the Inuit Circumpolar Conference passed a resolution restrict-  
29 ing the arctic region to uses that are peaceful and environmentally safe,

1 and prohibiting the use of, testing of, storage of, and exploration for  
2 materials related to nuclear devices; and

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

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

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

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

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

15 (4) obtain agreements and treaties to prevent nuclear testing; or  
16 nuclear devices in the arctic region or elsewhere in the atmosphere, be-  
17 cause these activities result in increased levels of radiation in the  
18 arctic region; and be it

19 FURTHER RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature does not seek to  
20 limit the use of nuclear technology for medical treatment or other safe and  
21 benign purposes.

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