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1 IN THE SENATE BY THE RULES COMMITTEE

2 CS FOR SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 38 (Rules) am

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 encourage bilateral and multi-lateral agreements and treaties
8 between nations establishing the region above the arctic circle as a
9 nuclear free zone to prevent nuclear testing, nuclear devices, and disposal
10 of radioactive and nuclear wastes and materials in the arctic region,
11 provided that any such agreement or treaty shall not interfere with the
12 national security of the United States, and compliance shall be mutually
13 verifiable; and be it

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

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