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1 IN THE HOUSE BY THE RESOURCES COMMITTEE
2 CS FOR HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 65 (Resources)
3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
4 FOURTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION
5 Relating to foreign marketing of Alaska
6 pink salmon products.
7 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:
8 WHEREAS record-setting runs have been forecasted for the pink salmon
9 fisheries of Alaska during 1986; and
10 WHEREAS the present inventories of processed pink salmon have reached
11 such high levels that even the recent increase in efforts of marketing have
12 not resulted in sale of the product on hand; and
13 WHEREAS because of the high pink salmon product inventory, the commer-
14 cial fishermen of the state may be faced with economically insufficient
15 price settlements for their catch; and
16 WHEREAS because of the high pink salmon product inventory, the seafood
17 processors of the state may be faced with economically insufficient price
18 settlements for their sales; and
19 WHEREAS the income derived from the pink salmon fisheries is necessary
20 to supplement fishermen's income from other fisheries they rely on and is
21 also extremely necessary in situations where the pink salmon fishery is the
22 sole source of income; and
23 WHEREAS due to the abundance of pink salmon stocks, with both fore-
24 casted run and inventory supply, the fishermen may be faced with no market
25 whatsoever or catch limits imposed by the seafood processors; and
26 WHEREAS alternate pink salmon product form development has been initi-
27 ated in the state and may have great potential in foreign markets; and
28 WHEREAS in certain foreign countries there currently exist no markets
29 of pink salmon from United States domestic processors;

1 BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests
2 that the Governor aggressively pursue the establishment of markets in these
3 foreign countries for pink salmon and innovative pink salmon products; and
4 be it

5 FURTHER RESOLVED that in trade negotiations and other dealings with
6 the Chinese during the upcoming Targeted Trade Mission of the Office of
7 Pacific Rim Relations, the Governor is respectfully requested to initiate
8 this foreign marketing effort, not only with respect to reducing the pre-
9 sent inventories of processed pink salmon, but also with respect to estab-
10 lishing outlets for purchasing and processing the surplus of this year's
11 catch; and be it

12 FURTHER RESOLVED that in establishing new foreign marketing outlets,
13 the Governor is also requested to discourage the foreign countries from
14 re-exporting United States pink salmon to other foreign countries that are
15 already buying from United States domestic processors.