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1 IN THE SENATE BY THE RESOURCES COMMITTEE
2 CS FOR SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 24 (Resources)
3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
4 FOURTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION
5 Relating to the Americanization of the
6 fishery off the coast of Alaska.
7 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:
8 WHEREAS the fishery off Alaska's coast is greater than that of the
9 rest of the United States combined, and this resource is tremendously
10 important to the long range future of Alaska; and
11 WHEREAS there exists an excellent opportunity for American harvesters
12 and processors to take advantage of the more than 4,000,000,000 pounds of
13 fish currently being taken by foreign fishing interests within America's
14 200-mile zone; and
15 WHEREAS Americanization of the fishery will benefit Alaskan coastal
16 communities by providing jobs for harvesters, processing workers, and
17 transporters on a continuing basis; and
18 WHEREAS Americanization of the fishery will increase American
19 participation in the fishing and processing industries, provide employment
20 opportunities for Americans, stimulate economic growth and foster economic
21 stability in Alaska's coastal communities, and generate tax revenue for
22 Alaska's municipalities, the State of Alaska, other coastal states, and the
23 United States Government; and
24 WHEREAS over 99.5 percent of Alaska's harvesters currently have no
25 involvement in the catching and processing of fishery resources by foreign
26 fishing interests; and
27 WHEREAS joint ventures were originally intended as an interim step in
28 the Americanization of the fishery, to be phased-out as quickly as
29 possible; and

1 WHEREAS a planned phase-out is crucial to enable the American fishing
2 and processing industry to provide for an orderly transfer of the fishery
3 to domestic interests; and

4 WHEREAS establishing a time certain for the phasing-out of foreign
5 fishing interests will encourage the financial community to support
6 capitalization of American harvesters and processors; and

7 WHEREAS the Governor's authority to permit joint ventures in Alaska's
8 internal waters, to provide additional processing capacity according to
9 provisions of the Magnuson Fishery Conservation and Management Act, is in
10 no way affected by this resolution;

11 BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests
12 the United States Congress to phase out all foreign fishing in American
13 waters by 1988; and be it

14 FURTHER RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully
15 requests the North Pacific Fisheries Management Council to pursue actively
16 the Americanization of the fisheries off the coast of Alaska; and be it

17 FURTHER RESOLVED that sales of American-harvested fish to foreign
18 floating processors be limited to current levels until foreign processors
19 are replaced by American processors in 1990.

20 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Ronald
21 Reagan, President of the United States, to the Honorable George P. Shultz,
22 Secretary of State, to the Honorable Malcolm Baldrige, Secretary of
23 Commerce, to the Honorable James O. Campbell, Chairman, North Pacific
24 Fisheries Management Council, and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the
25 Honorable Frank Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S.
26 Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.