

1 IN THE HOUSE

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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 11

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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Relating to the staffing of the U.S.

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Coast Guard vessel documentation section

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in Juneau.

8 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

9 WHEREAS U.S. Coast Guard vessel documentation is required in order to
10 obtain financial assistance from a lending institution for a commercial
11 fishing vessel; and

12 WHEREAS the growing backlog of requests for vessel documentation
13 received by the U.S. Coast Guard office in Juneau is causing some commer-
14 cial fishermen in Alaska to delay or otherwise alter their plans for the
15 1987 fishing season; and

16 WHEREAS applications for vessel documentation are taking two months or
17 more to be processed, and even applicants who pay a \$65 fee for priority
18 processing must wait up to three weeks; and

19 WHEREAS these delays are harming the welfare of commercial fishermen,
20 keeping them from obtaining vessel loans, and lessening their ability to
21 contribute to the state's economy; and

22 WHEREAS these delays have been caused by U.S. Coast Guard budget cuts
23 and by the departure from the Juneau office of several vessel documentation
24 specialists;

25 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives that the Alaska delega-
26 tion in Congress is respectfully requested to use its best efforts to
27 obtain funding for adequate staffing of the vessel documentation section in
28 the Juneau office of the U.S. Coast Guard.

29 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Ted Stevens

1 and the Honorable Frank Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don
2 Young, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.