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Original sponsors: Zharoff and  
Sturgulewski

1 IN THE SENATE BY THE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE  
2 CS FOR SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 19 (State Affairs) am  
3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA  
4 FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to resident hire on a United  
6 States Department of Defense project at  
7 Amchitka Island.

8 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

9 WHEREAS the rate of unemployment among residents of the state is one  
10 of the highest in the nation; and

11 WHEREAS the number of state residents who are unable to find work is  
12 considerably higher than is reflected by unemployment rates based on na-  
13 tionally accepted measures, in part because many rural state residents who  
14 wish to work do not seek employment as frequently as necessary to meet  
15 federal definitions of unemployment because of continuing lack of employ-  
16 ment opportunities in rural areas of the state; and

17 WHEREAS chronic unemployment leads to severe social problems including  
18 alcoholism and domestic violence; and

19 WHEREAS the state has one of the highest ratios of nonresident to  
20 resident workers in the nation; and

21 WHEREAS nonresident workers displace a substantial number of qual-  
22 ified, available, unemployed Alaska workers; and

23 WHEREAS section 8078 of the 1986 Defense Appropriations Act contained  
24 requirements for local hire on Department of Defense contracts in Alaska;  
25 and

26 WHEREAS section 9069 of the conference report to House Joint Resolu-  
27 tion 738 contains requirements for local hire on Department of Defense  
28 contracts in Alaska; and

29 WHEREAS employment in the Aleutian Islands is intensely seasonal and

1 the region suffers from the effects of the high unemployment rate; and

2 WHEREAS the Amchitka Island project of the Department of Defense is  
3 located in the Aleutian Islands;

4 BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature encourages the De-  
5 partment of Defense to comply with the Alaska hire provisions of the 1986  
6 Defense Appropriations Act; and be it

7 FURTHER RESOLVED that the legislature urges the Department of Defense  
8 to encourage Alaskans, including residents of the Aleutian Islands, to  
9 apply for work on the Amchitka Island project and to give preference to  
10 them in hiring for the project.

11 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Caspar W.  
12 Weinberger, Secretary of Defense; the Honorable James H. Webb, Secretary of  
13 the United States Navy; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable  
14 Frank Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Repre-  
15 sentative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.