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1 IN THE HOUSE BY THE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE  
2 SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 63 (State Affairs)  
3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA  
4 SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION  
5 Relating to persons immigrating to and  
6 requesting asylum in the United States.  
7 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:  
8 WHEREAS the Eastern Bloc countries of Hungary, Poland, East Germany,  
9 the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, Czechoslovakia, Bulgaria, and  
10 Romania, and certain other countries are moving away from communism towards  
11 democracy; and  
12 WHEREAS some individuals from these countries have requested political  
13 asylum and freedom in the United States; and  
14 WHEREAS the changes in the Eastern Bloc countries are being considered  
15 by the Immigration and Naturalization Service when it evaluates the politi-  
16 cal asylum applications of persons from the Eastern Bloc countries; and  
17 WHEREAS the Alaska State Legislature recognizes that the governments  
18 of the Eastern Bloc countries may be subject to change during a period of  
19 political unrest; and  
20 WHEREAS the United States is a strong supporter of human rights and  
21 was founded on the principle of the individual's right to life, liberty,  
22 and the pursuit of happiness; and  
23 WHEREAS Alaska has benefited from the immigrants who have already come  
24 to the state; and  
25 WHEREAS Alaska can provide a refuge for persons who seek political  
26 asylum in the United States;  
27 BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature  
28 (1) declares that it welcomes immigrants from foreign countries  
29 and is willing to serve as a refuge for persons who are seeking political

1 asylum in the United States; and

2 (2) urges the United States Immigration and Naturalization  
3 Service

4 (A) to halt the process of deportation from the United  
5 States of persons from Eastern Bloc countries who have requested  
6 political asylum and are on United States soil;

7 (B) not to use the recent political changes in the Eastern  
8 Bloc countries

9 (i) to deny political asylum to persons from those  
10 countries, even if an application for asylum was submitted before  
11 the changes began; or

12 (ii) to revoke the political asylum already granted to  
13 persons from those countries;

14 (C) to grant amnesty or political asylum on humanitarian  
15 grounds to each person who is on United States soil, who has submitted  
16 an application for political asylum in the United States, and who  
17 would have been eligible for asylum except for the recent political  
18 changes in the Eastern Bloc countries, unless the person could be  
19 considered a threat to national security or is otherwise determined to  
20 be undesirable under current United States immigration law.

21 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable George Bush,  
22 President of the United States; the Honorable Dan Quayle, Vice-President of  
23 the United States and President of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable Thomas S.  
24 Foley, Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives; the Honorable Gene  
25 McNary, Commissioner-Designate of the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization  
26 Service; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Frank  
27 Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative,  
28 members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.