

1 IN THE SENATE BY THE RULES COMMITTEE

2 SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 31 am

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Establishing a Joint Committee on Oil  
6 Spills.

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

8 WHEREAS the recent oil spill disaster caused by the T/V Exxon Valdez  
9 tanker accident is of great concern to the state and the legislature needs  
10 to be kept informed about that situation; and

11 WHEREAS many questions have arisen regarding legal liability for the  
12 oil spill, the effectiveness of efforts to contain and clean up the spill,  
13 and ways to avoid a similar disaster in the future;

14 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that a Joint Committee  
15 on Oil Spills is established, consisting of five members of the Senate  
16 appointed by the President of the Senate and five members of the House of  
17 Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House; and be it

18 FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee act as a legislative liaison  
19 between state and federal agencies, municipalities, and other entities  
20 involved in the current oil spill disaster and report from time-to-time to  
21 the legislature on the state of the disaster; and be it

22 FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee monitor investigations and hear-  
23 ings on the oil spill disaster by state agencies, the Coast Guard, the  
24 National Transportation Safety Board, and Congressional committees; and be  
25 it

26 FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee make an assessment of the activ-  
27 ities and actions of responsible entities before, during, and after the oil  
28 spill disaster; and be it

29 FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee determine the need for statutory

1 changes and other legislative action to ensure that future oil spills can  
2 be avoided or efficiently contained and cleaned up; and be it

3       FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee should report its findings and  
4 recommendations to the legislature before January 1, 1990 and January 1,  
5 1991; and be it

6       FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee is authorized to meet during and  
7 between sessions of the legislature and is terminated on the first day of  
8 the Seventeenth Alaska State Legislature.