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1 IN THE SENATE

2 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 67

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Relating to the federal moratorium on
6 military construction projects.

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

8 WHEREAS on January 24, 1990, the United States Department of Defense
9 issued a memorandum placing a moratorium on military construction projects;
10 and

11 WHEREAS the moratorium prohibits

12 (1) the award of new military construction contracts financed by
13 certain military construction appropriations; and

14 (2) the exercise of options under certain existing military
15 construction contracts; and

16 WHEREAS the moratorium took effect immediately and is to end April 30,
17 1990; and

18 WHEREAS the moratorium does not cover contracts and options where

19 (1) the United States has a legal obligation to award the con-
20 tract or exercise the option;

21 (2) where the contract or option is for the purpose of complying
22 with the requirements of certain federal statutes; or

23 (3) where the contract or option is for the purpose of meeting
24 urgent requirements, if the Deputy Secretary of Defense approves; and

25 WHEREAS several military and defense construction projects in the
26 state are presently in the bidding or pre-invitation-to-bid stages; and

27 WHEREAS Alaska contractors have already expended time and money to
28 prepare for bids for the military construction projects that were to be
29 made during the moratorium; and

1 WHEREAS the short construction season in northern areas places a
2 particular hardship on the state if the military construction contracts are
3 not made until after the moratorium; and

4 WHEREAS, since the state must import most of the construction materi-
5 als, time is critically important for the military construction projects,
6 and a moratorium until April 30 will make it virtually impossible to plan
7 for and receive materials in time for the coming construction season; and

8 WHEREAS military construction projects comprise a significant part of
9 the state's construction industry, particularly in light of the decrease in
10 state-funded construction projects; and

11 WHEREAS the delay or loss of military construction projects during and
12 after the moratorium will cost hundreds of state residents their jobs and
13 may force some local construction businesses to close; and

14 WHEREAS the moratorium will have an immediate and adverse effect on
15 the state;

16 BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests
17 the United States Department of Defense to amend paragraph (3) of the
18 moratorium to specifically direct the Deputy Secretary of Defense to in-
19 clude in the definition of "urgent requirements" a consideration of the
20 special circumstances existing in Alaska and to liberally interpret the
21 "urgent requirements" language in a manner that will reduce the negative
22 effect of the moratorium on the state as much as possible.

23 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable George Bush,
24 President of the United States; the Honorable Richard B. Cheney, Secretary
25 of the U.S. Department of Defense; the Honorable Donald J. Atwood, Jr.,
26 Deputy Secretary of the U.S. Department of Defense; and to the Honorable
27 Ted Stevens and the Honorable Frank Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and the
28 Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation
29 in Congress.