

**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 38**  
**IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA**  
**SEVENTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION**

**BY THE HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

**Introduced: 5/19/91**

**Referred: Rules**

**A RESOLUTION**

**1 Relating to negotiations on an Exxon Valdez oil spill claims settlement.**

**2 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

**3 WHEREAS** the Exxon Valdez oil spill of March 1989 had a tremendous impact on the State of  
**4 Alaska, on the people of Alaska, and on the natural resources of Alaska; and**

**5 WHEREAS** justice requires that Alaska be adequately compensated for the damage done to it  
**6 as a result of the oil spilled from the T/V Exxon Valdez in March of 1989; and**

**7 WHEREAS** the Governor and the Attorney General have expressed a willingness to again  
**8 negotiate with Exxon Corporation over the terms of a settlement; and**

**9 WHEREAS** negotiations relating to the Exxon Valdez oil spill have been established between  
**10 the state, Exxon Corporation, and the federal government; and**

**11 WHEREAS** the Alaska State Legislature recognizes that negotiations involve a series of  
**12 exchanges and counteroffers between the affected parties; and**

**13 WHEREAS** the Alaska State Legislature recognizes that it is in the best interests of the people  
**14 of Alaska and the State of Alaska that a settlement between the Exxon Corporation, the state, and the**  
**15 federal government be resolved through negotiation and not in a lengthy judicial process; and**

**16 WHEREAS** the Alaska State Legislature recognizes the significant work and effort put forth by  
**17 Governor Walter J. Hickel and Attorney General Charles E. Cole in negotiating on behalf of the state**

1 and the people of Alaska with the Exxon Corporation;

2       **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests Governor Walter J.  
3 Hickel to resume negotiations with the Exxon Corporation and the United States for the settlement of  
4 the claims of the State of Alaska on the terms and conditions that are in the best interests of the State  
5 of Alaska; and be it

6       **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests that the  
7 Governor in the negotiations address the views and concerns expressed by state citizens and the  
8 legislature regarding the March 12, 1991, settlement agreement.