

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 17
IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
SEVENTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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Referred: House Special Committee on Oil and Gas, Resources, Finance

A RESOLUTION

1 Endorsing S.49, the Ocean and Coastal Resources Enhancement Act, federal legislation
2 which would direct the federal government to share with the states and their local
3 governments federal revenue generated by the development of the resources of the outer
4 continental shelf.

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

6 WHEREAS development of the state's resources is an important issue to residents of the state,
7 and the Alaska Legislature has generally supported initiatives to develop those resources, including those
8 resources that may be found in the coastal and ocean waters and on the seabed of the outer continental
9 shelf adjacent to the state; and

10 WHEREAS, under current law, the federal government is not required to share the lease sale
11 income, royalties, and other revenue generated from outer continental shelf resource development,
12 leaving to the states and affected municipalities the responsibility of meeting any increased costs
13 attributable to the development; and

14 WHEREAS S.49, the Ocean and Coastal Resources Enhancement Act, pending during the 102nd
15 Congress, would, if approved, require the federal government to share one-third of the revenue generated

1 by a particular development located on a state's outer continental shelf with the adjacent state and the
2 communities within the state that are affected by the development; and

3 **WHEREAS** the revenue-sharing concept set out in S.49 would assist the states and their
4 municipalities to meet dislocations and adverse effects of outer continental shelf resources development
5 projects, accelerate the development of necessary infrastructure, provide capital for necessary support
6 services, and provide revenue for essential environmental protection projects;

7 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature endorses and supports S. 49 and urges its
8 prompt passage by the United States Congress and approval by the President of the United States.

9 **COPIES** of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable George Bush, President of the United
10 States; the Honorable Thomas S. Foley, Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives; the Honorable
11 Robert C. Byrd, President pro tempore of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable J. Bennett Johnston, Chair of
12 the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources; the Honorable Morris K. Udall, Chair of the
13 House Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs; the Honorable Manuel Lujan, Jr., Secretary of the
14 Interior, and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Frank Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and the
15 Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.