

CS FOR HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 25 (JUDICIARY)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

SEVENTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY THE HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

Offered: 3/20/91

Referred: Rules

Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVES NAVARRE, Kubina, Brown, Ellis, Moyer, Ulmer, Koponen, Finkelstein

A RESOLUTION

**1 Relating to economic and scientific data developed as a result of the Exxon Valdez
2 litigation.**

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

**4 WHEREAS many parties to the civil and criminal actions arising out of the March 1989 oil spill
5 caused by the grounding of the Exxon Valdez have, as a result of the litigation, generated substantial
6 economic and scientific studies of the results of the spill; and**

**7 WHEREAS those studies are of great interest and importance to the public, especially to those
8 who were affected by the spill, those studying the spill, and those trying to develop measures to mitigate
9 possible large future spills;**

**10 BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature urges that all legally available economic
11 and scientific studies generated by the litigation be open to public inspection and not be treated as
12 confidential material.**

**13 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Richard Thornburgh, Attorney General
14 of the United States; the Honorable Manuel Lujan, Jr., U.S. Secretary of the Interior; the Honorable
15 Samuel K. Skinner, U.S. Secretary of Transportation; the Honorable William Reilly, Administrator of
16 the United States Environmental Protection Agency; Admiral J. William Kime, Commandant of the**

**1 United States Coast Guard; the Honorable Wevley Shea, United States Attorney for the District of
2 Alaska; the Honorable George Miller, vice-chair and acting chair of the House Interior and Insular
3 Affairs Committee; the Honorable J. Bennett Johnston, chair of the Senate Energy and Natural Resources
4 Committee; the Honorable Russell Holland, United States District Judge for the District of Alaska; the
5 Honorable Stanley Sporkin, United States District Judge for the District of Columbia; the Honorable
6 Walter Hickel, Governor of the State of Alaska; the Honorable Charles Cole, Attorney General of the
7 State of Alaska; the Honorable Brian Shortell, Superior Court Judge for the Third Judicial District of
8 Alaska; all other heads of departments in the executive branch of the government of the State of Alaska;
9 Lawrence G. Rawl, Chair and Chief Executive Officer of the Exxon Corporation; and A. Elmer,
10 President of the Exxon Shipping Company.**