

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 33
IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
SEVENTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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Referred: Labor & Commerce

A RESOLUTION

1 Relating to the "International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and
2 Watchkeeping for Seafarers, 1978."

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

4 WHEREAS, in 1978, international standards of crew training, certification, and watchkeeping
5 for seafarers were established by the "International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification
6 and Watchkeeping for Seafarers, 1978," to promote safety of life and property at sea, and for the
7 protection of the marine environment; and

8 WHEREAS this international conference on training, certification, and watchkeeping standards
9 has been ratified by 77 nations, including all the major maritime nations of the world, with the exception
10 of the United States; and

11 WHEREAS the nations that have ratified this international conference include Australia,
12 Bahamas, Canada, China, France, Germany, Greece, Italy, Japan, Liberia, New Zealand, Norway,
13 Philippines, Poland, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, and the United Kingdom; and

14 WHEREAS foreign flag vessels carry 95 percent of all waterborne commerce into the United
15 States; and

16 WHEREAS warships, naval auxiliaries, and other ships owned by a nation or state and engaged

1 only in governmental, noncommercial service, and fishing vessels and pleasure yachts, not engaged in
2 trade, and wooden ships of primitive build are exempt from the provisions of the convention; and

3 **WHEREAS** ratification of the "International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification
4 and Watchkeeping for Seafarers, 1978" would provide the United States Coast Guard with the authority
5 to enforce crew standards on foreign flag vessels in United States waters;

6 **BE IT RESOLVED** by the Alaska State Legislature that the President of the United States is
7 respectfully requested to enter into and the United States Senate is requested to ratify the "International
8 Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers, 1978."

9 **COPIES** of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable George Bush, President of the United
10 States; the Honorable Dan Quayle, Vice-President of the United States and President of the U.S. Senate;
11 the Honorable Thomas S. Foley, Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives; the Honorable Samuel
12 K. Skinner, Secretary of Transportation; Admiral William J. Kime, Commandant of the United States
13 Coast Guard; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Frank Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and
14 the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.