

**CS FOR HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 85 (RESOURCES)**

**IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA**

**SEVENTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION**

**BY THE HOUSE RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

**Offered: 4/24/92**

**Referred: Rules**

**Sponsor(s): HOUSE RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

**A RESOLUTION**

**1 Relating to the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development.**

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

**3 WHEREAS public concern about protecting the global environment continues to grow as**  
**4 evidence mounts of potential global environmental damage; and**

**5 WHEREAS environmental problems are associated with economic and trade policies; and**

**6 WHEREAS states have many critical responsibilities with respect to supporting responsible**  
**7 economic development as well as for environmental protection and natural resource management**  
**8 including land-use planning, transportation, solid and hazardous waste management, and procurement**  
**9 policies; and**

**10 WHEREAS the environment of the Arctic circumpolar region is vulnerable to global pollution**  
**11 and locally-produced contaminants, and global warming and the effects of ozone depletion could have**  
**12 a major effect on this geographic area; and**

**13 WHEREAS the Alaska State Legislature endorses the goals and objectives of the multinational**  
**14 agreement establishing an Arctic Environmental Protection Strategy that was signed by the eight northern**  
**15 countries of the United States, the Soviet Union, Canada, Denmark, Finland, Norway, Sweden, and**  
**16 Iceland on June 14, 1991; and**

**17 WHEREAS the Alaska State Legislature supports the cooperative effort between the United**

1 States Environmental Protection Agency and the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation on  
2 bilateral environmental agreements with the two nations that border Alaska, Russia and Canada;  
3 and           **WHEREAS** the Alaska State Legislature is aware that problems such as global climate  
4 change, diminishing biological diversity, ozone depletion, and ocean pollution can be minimized by  
5 cooperation at all levels of government; and

6           **WHEREAS**, in June 1992, the world's leaders will gather in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, for the  
7 United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (UNCED, otherwise known as the Earth  
8 Summit) to discuss solutions to the planet's environmental and economic development problems; and

9           **WHEREAS** the Earth Summit will pay special attention to concerns regarding global climate  
10 change, ozone depletion, toxic waste, diminishing biological diversity, and ocean and freshwater  
11 resources;

12           **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature endorses the Earth Summit's efforts to  
13 create and adopt global agreements that will result in policies and mechanisms to protect the global  
14 environment and enhance the ability of nations to equitably develop their natural and human resources;  
15 and be it

16           **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature calls upon the President of the United  
17 States to join other leaders from around the world at the Earth Summit and encourages the President to  
18 instruct United States' negotiators to work with other national delegations in crafting an international  
19 protocol on global climate change that will reduce this nation's emissions of carbon dioxide and thus  
20 confirm the United States' role as a leader in managing the planet's resources for present and future  
21 generations.

22           **COPIES** of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable George Bush, President of the United  
23 States; the Honorable Dan Quayle, Vice-President of the United States and president of the U.S. Senate;  
24 the Honorable Robert C. Byrd, President Pro Tempore of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable Thomas S.  
25 Foley, Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives; Mr. Maurice F. Strong, Secretary-General of the  
26 United Nations Conference on Environment and Development; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and  
27 the Honorable Frank Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative,  
28 members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.