

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

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

**SEVENTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION**

**BY THE HOUSE RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

**Amended: 5/2/92**

**Offered: 4/24/92**

**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; and**

**4 WHEREAS environmental challenges can be influenced by economic and trade policies; and**

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

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

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

**16 WHEREAS the Alaska State Legislature supports the cooperative effort between the United  
17 States Environmental Protection Agency and the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation on**

1 bilateral environmental agreements with the two nations that border Alaska, Russia and Canada;  
2 and           **WHEREAS** the Alaska State Legislature is aware that challenges from global climate  
3 change, diminishing biological diversity, ozone depletion, and ocean pollution can be minimized by  
4 cooperation at all levels of government; and

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

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

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

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

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