

**CS FOR HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 24(JUD) am**  
**IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA**  
**EIGHTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION**

**BY THE HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE**

**Amended: 2/28/94**

**Offered: 2/11/94**

**Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVES BARNES, Phillips, Hudson, Green, Mulder**

**A RESOLUTION**

**1 Supporting the governor's decision to authorize a suit against the United States**  
**2 government for violating the Alaska Statehood Act and the Alaska Statehood**  
**3 Compact.**

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

**5 WHEREAS, when the Territory of Alaska became a state, its citizens ratified a**  
**6 compact with the federal government known as the Alaska Statehood Compact, which is**  
**7 embodied in the Alaska Statehood Act that was passed by the Congress; and**

**8 WHEREAS compacts such as the Alaska Statehood Act are properly viewed as**  
**9 contracts between sovereigns that may not be unilaterally altered by either party; and**

**10 WHEREAS the principle that the controlling terms of statehood acts may not be**  
**11 altered unilaterally has been consistently upheld by the United States Supreme Court in**  
**12 Cooper v. Roberts, 59 U.S. (18 How.) 173 (1855); Beecher v. Wetherby, 95 U.S. (5 Otto) 517**  
**13 (1877); and Stearns v. Minnesota ex. rel. Marr, 179 U.S. 223 (1900); and**

**14 WHEREAS there are sufficient grounds for believing that the federal government has**  
**15 violated this principle by unilaterally altering or attempting to alter important terms of the**  
**16 Alaska Statehood Act and the Alaska Statehood Compact;**

1           **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature strongly supports the governor  
2 in his efforts to protect against federal violations of the Alaska Statehood Act and the Alaska  
3 Statehood Compact and towards that end strongly supports his decision to file suit against the  
4 federal government in Alaska v. United States, United States Court of Federal Claims  
5 (Bruggnik), 90-454-L Civ., State v. Brown, United States District Court (Sedwick), A92-364  
6 Civ. and State v. United States, United States Court of Federal Claims.