HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 13

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

EIGHTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY REPRESENTATIVE NAVARRE

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Referred: State Affairs, Judiciary, Finance

A RESOLUTION

1 **Supporting line item veto power for the President of the United States.**

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

3 **WHEREAS** the governors of most states may exercise a line item veto power whereby
4 they may strike or reduce items in appropriation bills; and
5 **WHEREAS** the governor of the State of Alaska has the line item veto power and has
6 frequently exercised that power; and
7 **WHEREAS** the line item veto has proven to be a valuable tool in controlling the
8 budget in Alaska, enabling the governor to reduce or eliminate certain appropriation items
9 while leaving funding for other items intact; and
10 **WHEREAS** the national deficit continues to grow despite efforts to control deficit
11 spending by the United States Congress; and
12 **WHEREAS**, if the President of the United States could exercise a line item veto over
13 appropriations, the level of spending by the federal government would be more easily
14 controlled;
15 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature supports efforts to amend the
16 United States Constitution to grant the President of the United States the power to exercise
17 a line item veto over appropriations.

1 **COPIES** of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable George Bush, President of
2 the United States; the Honorable Dan Quayle, Vice-President of the United States and
3 President of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable Thomas S. Foley, Speaker of the U.S. House of
4 Representatives; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Frank Murkowski, U.S.
5 Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska
6 delegation in Congress.