

Senate Joint Resolutions

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 1

WHEREAS, for many years the United States and Canada have cooperated and worked together to protect their mutual interests in the fisheries in the coastal and offshore waters of Alaska and British Columbia, and have invested more than \$350,000,000 in the fishing and processing of salmon, halibut, tuna, herring, sardines, crab and other fish and fish products in the coastal waters and in the water of the Northeastern Pacific Ocean; an industry which employs 50,000 men directly and approximately 175,000 men in transportation, processing and marketing fish and fish products; and

WHEREAS, prior to the outbreak of the war with Japan which began on December 7, 1941, the fisheries of the United States and Canada had been invaded by Japanese fishermen and Japanese fishing vessels in great numbers and at the time of the outbreak of the war they constituted a serious and deadly menace to the fishing industry of the United States and Canada in the Northeastern Pacific Ocean, as they were subject to no control or regulation, for they were subject to no regulation when fishing outside the three-mile limit and while operating outside that limit with safety, they were also able to engage extensively in fishing in the inland waters, and they were a constant threat to the fishing industry of the United States and Canada; and

WHEREAS, the United States and Canada have by treaty between them and by laws of their respective national, provincial and state governments, very effectively regulated the fisheries in the waters of the two countries as far as their jurisdiction extends, while on the other hand Japan has never considered the conservation of fisheries even within its own waters and has fished without restriction and without regard to future supply; and

WHEREAS, during the recent war the Japanese were unable to fish to any extent in the waters of Alaska and Canada and were unable to interfere with the fish supply of the two countries, and since the end of the war they have been forbidden to fish in those waters while Japan is occupied by the armed forces of the United States and their government administered under the American authorities, but it is now proposed to sign a treaty of peace with

Japan which will end the United States occupation and end the power of the United States to control Japanese fishing, and the only manner in which the fisheries of the United States and Canada may be protected from the encroachment of the Japanese in the future is through the treaty which is now being considered.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the legislature of the Territory of Alaska that the menace to the aforesaid fisheries through a revival of Japanese fishing in the waters off the coast of Alaska and British Columbia which will result unless steps are taken to safeguard the fisheries of the two countries, be brought to the immediate attention of the President of the United States and the Secretary of State and to the Congress of the United States, and that the President and the Secretary of State be urged to take immediate steps to have included in any treaty with Japan a provision that no Japanese fishing vessels will be permitted to engage in the fisheries of the Pacific Coast which have been fished and in which the fishing industry has been developed by fishermen of Canada and the United States, with a reciprocal provision that vessels of the United States not be permitted to fish in the waters of Japan, and that the Senate of the United States be requested to refuse to ratify any peace treaty with Japan which does not have full and adequate provisions for safeguarding the fisheries in the coastal waters of Alaska and in the Northeastern Pacific Ocean adjacent thereto.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution be forwarded by air mail to the President of the United States, the Secretary of State, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of House of Representatives of the United States, the Delegate to Congress from Alaska, and the Governor of Alaska.

Passed by the Senate, February 5, 1951.

Passed by the House, February 8, 1951.

Approved by the Governor February 14, 1951.

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WHEREAS, Thursday, February 8, 1951, is the forty-first anniversary of the founding of the Boy Scouts of America and the Presi-