

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 24

Relating to the preservation of the bottom fishing industry of the north Pacific coast of the United States.

Be It Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Alaska in Second Legislature, First Session Assembled:

WHEREAS, the bottom fishing industry of the northwestern United States is not only the source of livelihood for many thousands of fishermen and shore workers on all coasts of this country, but also a source of an enormous and increasingly essential food supply for the entire nation; and

WHEREAS, American fishermen have continuously and voluntarily used bottom fishing gear which, while taking sufficient fish, provides a certain quota of escapement commensurate with sound conservation practices; and

WHEREAS, powerful fishing fleets from abroad are seriously threatening the bottom fisheries of the north Pacific coast of the United States through the use of so-called tangle nets and otter trawls, which provide for very restricted escapement, and are highly destructive to under-size and female crabs which do escape or are discarded; and

WHEREAS, continued incursions by foreign fleets using tangle nets and otter trawls in large and uncontrolled numbers may well decimate the bottom fisheries industry in spite of American attempts to preserve it;

BE IT RESOLVED by the Legislature of the State of Alaska in Second Legislature, First Session assembled, that the federal government is urged to take immediate steps through international negotiation to preserve the bottom fishing industry of the north Pacific coast of the United States and, in particular, to limit the gear permissible for bottom fishing; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be sent to the Honorable John F. Kennedy, President of the United States; the Honorable Stewart L. Udall, Secretary of the Interior; the Honorable Milton E. Brooding, Chairman of the American Section of the International North Pacific Fisheries Commission; the Honorable E. L. Bartlett and the Honorable Ernest Gruening, Senators from Alaska; and to the Honorable Ralph J. Rivers, Representative from Alaska.

Passed by the Senate March 9, 1961.

Passed by the House March 31, 1961.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 25

Relating to support for the conveyance of a homestead site to the widow of the late Senator William E. Beltz.

Be It Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Alaska in Second Legislature, First Session Assembled:

WHEREAS, the Legislature of the State of Alaska has this session expressed, through Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 1, its sorrow at the death of its late esteemed member and President of the Senate, William E. Beltz; and

WHEREAS, it is the wish of the Legislature that the work of this outstanding Alaskan on his homestead site not be lost to the detriment of his wife and children; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable Ernest Gruening, United States Senator from Alaska,

has introduced a bill in the Senate to convey the homestead site at Unalakleet to Mrs. William E. Beltz; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Alaska Legislature consider this proposed conveyance a fitting and proper recognition of the services of the late Senator William E. Beltz to his state and the nation;

BE IT RESOLVED by the Legislature of the State of Alaska in Second Legislature, First Session assembled, that the Congress is respectfully urged to give favorable consideration to S. 1065 both in honor of the late Senator William E. Beltz and to protect the future of his widow and children; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be sent to the Honorable Clinton P. Anderson, chairman of the Senate Committee on Interior and Insular