

## SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 3

**Relating to protection by international law of the Dungeness and Alaska King crab.****Be It Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Alaska:**

WHEREAS the Convention on the Continental Shelf, adopted by the United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea at Geneva, Switzerland, in 1958, signed and ratified by the United States, provided for the exercise by a coastal state of sovereign rights in the exploitation of certain natural resources of the continental shelf; and

WHEREAS the Dungeness and Alaska King crabs, being "unable to move except in constant contact with the sea-bed," may fall within the definition of natural resources of the continental shelf found in paragraph 4 of Article 2 of the Convention, and, therefore, may be exploited by the coastal state alone; and

WHEREAS these crabs are valuable resources of the state and the United States, the exploitation of which must be carefully controlled to avoid waste and depredation; and

WHEREAS, although the rights of the coastal state are not dependent upon occupation or proclamation, yet a firm definition of these crabs as resources of the continental shelf would do much to clarify the present situation regarding the taking of them;

BE IT RESOLVED that the United States at once make a clear and public determination of the status of the Dungeness and Alaska King crab as natural resources of the continental shelf, and that it publicly indicate its adherence to and intention to insist upon the observance of the provisions of the Convention on the Continental Shelf; 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 Dean Rusk, Secretary of State; the Honorable Clarence F. Pautzke, Commissioner of Fish and Wildlife, Department of the Interior; and to the members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.

Passed by the Senate February 5, 1963.

Passed by the House February 18, 1963.

## SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 4

**Relating to the transfer of land in the Pribilofs to the Russian Orthodox Church.****Be It Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Alaska:**

WHEREAS the United States now holds title to certain cemeteries and church property in the Pribilof Islands, which are being used by and should properly belong to the Russian Orthodox Church; and

WHEREAS the conveyance of these lands to the Russian Orthodox Church would materially stabilize its position on the islands and thereby enable it to perform its many functions better; and

WHEREAS the Fish and Wildlife Service, which exercises jurisdiction over these lands in the Pribilofs, has agreed to convey the lands and has surveyed them

for this purpose; and

WHEREAS the Bureau of Land Management, which holds title to these lands, will not accept the survey made by the Fish and Wildlife Service, and has thus thwarted this desirable transfer;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Interior be urged to instruct the Bureau of Land Management to accept the survey and convey the land forthwith, or, in the alternative, to immediately make its own survey and to convey the lands to the Russian Orthodox Church without delay; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be sent to the Honorable Stewart L. Udall, Secretary of the Interior; the Honorable Karl S. Landstrom, Director of the Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior; the Honorable Clarence F. Pautzke, Commissioner of