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## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 46

Relating to the suspension of the Davis-Bacon Act.

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### BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

WHEREAS President Nixon has recently announced the suspension of certain provisions of the 40-year-old Davis-Bacon Act which requires construction contractors to pay prevailing wages on federal construction projects; and

WHEREAS suspension of these provisions will most likely result in shifting a large amount of federal construction to lower-paid workers; and

WHEREAS the prime purpose of the Davis-Bacon Act is to assure that workers are paid the "prevailing wage" on federal projects in an area; and

WHEREAS many persons have migrated to Alaska already in search of nonexistent jobs, and these persons would work at any wage level, thus lowering the wage and living standards of Alaska; and

WHEREAS almost all work performed by the building trades in Alaska is done by local contractors; and

WHEREAS there exists the possibility of an influx into Alaska of "outside" contractors who would pay a substandard wage which would further cause extreme hardship and unemployment among Alaska's resident workers; and

WHEREAS the President is authorized only "in the event of a national emergency" to suspend the provisions of the Davis-Bacon Act and the last time it had been suspended since its

passage in 1931 was during World War II; and

WHEREAS this action will undermine fair labor standards for workers in the construction industry;

BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that the President is urgently requested to immediately rescind his order which suspended the provisions of the Davis-Bacon Act.

COPIES of this Resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Richard M. Nixon, President of the United States; the Honorable James D. Hodgson, Secretary, Department of Labor; the Honorable John B. Connally, Secretary, Department of the Treasury; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Mike Gravel, U. S. Senators, and the Honorable Nick Begich, U. S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.