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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 11

Relating to an Alaska delegate at the Law of the Sea Conference.

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

WHEREAS Alaska's lengthy coastline, extensive continental shelf, and contiguous high seas areas contain extremely varied and valuable renewable and nonrenewable natural resources; and

WHEREAS these natural resources, if wisely protected, managed, and conserved, can add immeasurably to the economic well-being of the residents not only of the State of Alaska but also of the entire Nation; and

WHEREAS the presence of vast fishery resources off the Alaska coast has already attracted the attention of Japan, Russia, and South Korea, and has stimulated these countries to underwrite the operation of large-scale fishing fleets off the Alaska coast in the North Pacific Ocean and Bering Sea; and

WHEREAS these intensive and essentially unregulated fishing efforts have already seriously depleted the stocks of several species of fish and threaten to deplete the stocks of other important species; and

WHEREAS the concern on the part of the State of Alaska for its renewable and nonrenewable coastal and offshore natural resources because of the potentially volatile international situation was responsible for the establishment by the Seventh State Legislature of the Alaska Commission on the Conference of the Law of the Sea; and

WHEREAS it is in the best interest of the State of Alaska

and the Nation that Alaska have representation at the Law of the Sea Conference;

BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska Legislature that the President of the United States is respectfully requested to urge the United States Department of State to appoint an Alaska state official to the United States delegation to the Law of the Sea Conference; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the United States Department of State appoint the members of the Alaska Commission on the Conference of the Law of the Sea to the United States Department of State's Industry Advisory Committee.

COPIES of this Resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Richard M. Nixon, President of the United States; the Honorable William P. Rogers, Secretary, Department of State; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Mike Gravel, U. S. Senators, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.