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Relating to the staffing of the U.S. Coast Guard vessel documentation section in Juneau.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

WHEREAS U.S. Coast Guard vessel documentation is required in order to obtain financial assistance from a lending institution for a commercial fishing vessel; and

WHEREAS the growing backlog of requests for vessel documentation received by the U.S. Coast Guard office in Juneau is causing some commercial fishermen in Alaska to delay or otherwise alter their plans for the 1987 fishing season; and

WHEREAS applications for vessel documentation are taking two months or more to be processed, and even applicants who pay a \$65 fee for priority processing must wait up to three weeks; and

WHEREAS these delays are harming the welfare of commercial fishermen, keeping them from obtaining vessel loans, and lessening their ability to contribute to the state's economy; and

WHEREAS these delays have been caused by U.S. Coast Guard budget cuts and by the departure from the Juneau office of several vessel documentation specialists;

BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives that the Alaska delegation in Congress is respectfully requested to use its best efforts to obtain funding for adequate staffing of the vessel documentation section in the Juneau office of the U.S. Coast Guard.

COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Frank Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.