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Relating to an application by the Alaska Seafood Marketing Institute for certain federal funds.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE:

WHEREAS the United States seafood industry makes a significant contribution to the United States balance of trade, with its exports for 1985 having been valued to be in excess of \$1,000,000,000; and

WHEREAS over 1,000,000,000 pounds of seafood worth \$885,000,000 were landed in the state during 1986, making Alaska's fisheries the most valuable in the United States; and

WHEREAS the Alaska seafood industry is losing its markets for frozen salmon in western Europe and for herring and frozen salmon in Japan as a result of unfair foreign trade practices; and

WHEREAS the Alaska bottomfish industry is growing rapidly and the United States must ensure that Alaska has access to foreign markets for pollock and other species; and

WHEREAS the United States government has created the Targeted Export Assistance program (TEA program) to provide financial assistance for commodities that are experiencing market erosion or problems with market access as a result of foreign trade barriers; and

WHEREAS seafood is an eligible commodity under the TEA program; and

WHEREAS the Alaska Seafood Marketing Institute, on behalf of the Alaska seafood industry, has submitted an application for \$3,500,000 under the TEA program to conduct market research and initiate promotional campaigns to regain a market share for

Alaska products in western Europe and Japan;

BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate that the Secretary of the United States Department of Agriculture is urged to approve the Alaska Seafood Marketing Institute's application for Targeted Export Assistance program funds in the amount of \$3,500,000, which will benefit the nation and the state; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Senate, on behalf of the entire Alaska seafood industry, joins Alaska's Congressional delegation and Governor Cowper in urging the Secretary to approve the application.

COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Richard E. Lyng, Secretary of the U.S. Department of Agriculture; the Honorable Peter C. Meyers, Deputy Secretary of the U.S. Department of Agriculture; the Honorable Daniel G. Amstutz, Under Secretary of the U.S. Department of Agriculture; Thomas O. Kay, Administrator of the Foreign Agricultural Service of the U.S. Department of Agriculture; William L. Davis, Assistant Administrator of the Commodity and Marketing Programs of the U.S. Department of Agriculture; and 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.