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Relating to requirements for the carriage of oil in double-hulled tankers.

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

WHEREAS a study undertaken by the United States Coast Guard after the wreck of the Exxon Valdez has found that the loss of oil from the Exxon Valdez would have been substantially less if the tanker had been of appropriate double-hulled design and construction; and

WHEREAS an oil tanker built with double-hulled construction has cargo and bunker tanks surrounded with a complete and protective second hull; and

WHEREAS chemical tankers and gas carriers are already required to use double-hulled construction to provide maximum protection for the cargo tanks; and

WHEREAS the Congressional Office of Technology Assessment and the United States Coast Guard have estimated that double hulls would have prevented spills from over 90 percent of the oil lost in groundings and from over 80 percent of the oil lost in collisions at sea; and

WHEREAS double-hulled design and construction provides the highest probability of preventing the loss of oil either from groundings or collisions; and

WHEREAS the tanker fleet of the United States is overage and will need to be replaced in the near future; and

WHEREAS the additional cost of building a double-hulled vessel in a shipyard in the United States is estimated to add less than one-tenth of a cent per gallon to the cost of crude oil carried over the life of the tanker; and

WHEREAS double-hulled design and construction can be achieved without a reduction in the cargo carrying capacity of the vessel;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature urges the Congress to require all vessels designed to carry oil and constructed after June 1, 1990, to be double-hulled and to prohibit the carriage of oil in single-hulled tankers in United States waters after the year 1999.

COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable George Bush, President of the United States; to the Honorable Dan Quayle, Vice-President of the United States and President of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable Thomas S. Foley, Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives; to the Honorable George Mitchell, Majority Leader of the U.S. Senate; to the Honorable Robert Dole, Minority Leader of the U.S. Senate; to the Honorable Richard A. Gephardt, Majority Leader of the U.S. House of Representatives; to the Honorable Robert Michel, Minority Leader of the U.S. House of Representatives; to the Honorable Samuel K. Skinner, Secretary of Transportation; to Admiral Paul A. Yost, Commandant of the U.S. Coast Guard; to the governors of the following states: the Honorable Guy Hunt, Governor of Alabama; the Honorable George Deukmejian, Governor of California; the Honorable William O'Neill, Governor of Connecticut; the Honorable Michael Castle, Governor of Delaware; the Honorable Bob Martinez, Governor of Florida; the Honorable Joe Frank Harris, Governor of Georgia; the Honorable John D. Waihee III, Governor of Hawaii; the Honorable Charles E. Roemer III, Governor of Louisiana; the Honorable John R. McKarnan, Jr., Governor of Maine; the Honorable William Donald Schaefer, Governor of Maryland; the Honorable Michael Dukakis, Governor of Massachusetts; the Honorable Ray Mabus, Governor of Mississippi; the Honorable Judd Gregg, Governor of New Hampshire; the Honorable James Florio, Governor of New Jersey; the Honorable Mario Cuomo, Governor of New York; the Honorable James Martin, Governor of North Carolina; the Honorable L. Douglas Wilder, Governor of Virginia; the Honorable Edward DiPrete, Governor of Rhode Island; the Honorable Carroll A. Campbell, Jr., Governor of South Carolina; the Honorable William P. Clements, Governor of Texas; the Honorable Booth Gardner, Governor of Washington; the Honorable Neil Goldschmidt, Governor of Oregon; the Honorable Robert Casey, Governor of Pennsylvania; 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.