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Relating to negotiations on an Exxon Valdez oil spill claims settlement.

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

WHEREAS the Exxon Valdez oil spill of March 1989 had a tremendous impact on the State of Alaska, on the people of Alaska, and on the natural resources of Alaska; and

WHEREAS justice requires that Alaska be adequately compensated for the damage done to it as a result of the oil spilled from the T/V Exxon Valdez in March of 1989; and

WHEREAS the Governor and the Attorney General have expressed a willingness to again negotiate with Exxon Corporation over the terms of a settlement; and

WHEREAS negotiations relating to the Exxon Valdez oil spill have been established between the state, Exxon Corporation, and the federal government; and

WHEREAS the Alaska State Legislature recognizes that negotiations involve a series of exchanges and counteroffers between the affected parties; and

WHEREAS the Alaska State Legislature recognizes that it is in the best interests of the people of Alaska and the State of Alaska that a settlement between the Exxon Corporation, the state, and the federal government be resolved through negotiation and not in a lengthy judicial process; and

WHEREAS the Alaska State Legislature recognizes the significant work and effort put forth by Governor Walter J. Hickel and Attorney General Charles E. Cole in negotiating on behalf of the state and the people of Alaska with the Exxon Corporation;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests Governor Walter J. Hickel to resume negotiations with the Exxon Corporation and the United States for the settlement of the claims of the State of Alaska on the terms and conditions that are in the best interests of the State of Alaska; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests that the Governor in the negotiations address the views and concerns expressed by state citizens and the legislature regarding the March 12, 1991, settlement agreement.