

season on bears be provided for Kodiak Island and the bag limit removed thereon.

AND YOUR MEMORIALIST WILL EVER PRAY.

Passed by the House February 17, 1951.

Passed by the Senate February 20, 1951.

Approved by the Governor February 26, 1951.

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## HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 7

TO THE COMMITTEE ON MERCHANT MARINE AND FISHERIES, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, WASHINGTON, D. C., AND THE HONORABLE E. L. BARTLETT, DELEGATE TO CONGRESS FROM ALASKA:

Your Memorialist, the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska, in Twentieth Session assembled, respectfully represents:

That there is now pending before the House of Representatives and in the Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries H. R. No. 1762 introduced on January 19, 1951, by Congressman Nicholson, entitled:

A Bill For the safety of life and property by making all commercial fishing vessels subject to the rules and regulations of the United States Coast Guard Marine Inspection;  
and

WHEREAS, this Bill provides that every commercial fishing vessel of over fifteen tons propelled in whole or in part by machinery and while engaged in commercial fishing operations outside the line dividing the high seas from the inland waters, shall be subject to inspection by U. S. Coast Guard Inspection Service, and be subject to all the regulations prescribed in the Bill; and

WHEREAS, the fisheries of Alaska are a very important source of food supply to the Nation and they will necessarily be subject to

many unusual regulations and to various handicaps and obstacles which will naturally arise during the present national emergency, and while the country is preparing to defend itself in the event of war, including regulations and restrictions regarding wages and prices; and

WHEREAS, there are thousands of commercial fishing vessels engaged during the fishing season in the waters off the coast of Alaska and in the waters described in H. R. 1762 which must be kept in operation if the normal supply of food fish is to be obtained during the emergency, and these vessels have not been heretofore subject to the inspection provided in the Bill and it will work a great hardship on the vessel owners if the provisions of H. R. 1762 are enacted into law and applied to fishing vessels fishing off the coast of Alaska and in the waters described in the Bill and perhaps greatly curtail, for a time at least, the number of vessels which can be used in these fishing operations and subject the owners of the vessels to great and unnecessary expense; and

WHEREAS, the application of the provisions of the Bill, if enacted into law, will not, to any appreciable extent, benefit anyone or in any degree lessen the normal risks incident to fishing operations in the waters of Alaska, and the application of the provisions of the Bill to fishing vessels in Alaska at this time is wholly unnecessary and might well require the withdrawal from fishing operations for one or more seasons of large numbers of vessels now required in fishing operations and thereby curtail the supply and also require the permanent withdrawal of a large number of other vessels.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by your Memorialist, the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska in Twentieth Session assembled, that we protest the application of the provisions of H. R. 1762 to fishing vessels engaged in fishing in the waters of Alaska or off the coast thereof outside the line dividing the high seas from the inland waters and request that H. R. 1762 be amended accordingly.

AND YOUR MEMORIALIST WILL EVER PRAY.

Passed by the House February 24, 1951.

Passed by the Senate February 28, 1951.

Approved by the Governor March 2, 1951.