

---

SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL 8008

---

State of Washington

53rd Legislature

1993 Regular Session

By Senators Spanel, Haugen, Oke, Erwin, Snyder, Sellar, Franklin, Jesernig, McAuliffe, Sheldon, Skratek, Owen, M. Rasmussen, A. Smith, Quigley, Williams, Prentice, Pelz and Talmadge

Read first time 01/29/93. Referred to Committee on Ecology & Parks.

1 TO THE HONORABLE MICHAEL HARCOURT, PREMIER OF THE PROVINCE OF  
2 BRITISH COLUMBIA, CANADA, AND TO THE SPEAKER OF THE BRITISH COLUMBIA  
3 LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY AND TO THE MEMBERS OF THE PROVINCIAL LEGISLATURE:

4 We, your Memorialists, the Senate and House of Representatives of  
5 the State of Washington, in legislative session assembled, respectfully  
6 represent and petition as follows:

7 WHEREAS, The Strait of Juan de Fuca is a unique international  
8 waterway boundary between Canada and the United States; and

9 WHEREAS, The Strait provides economic, social, and environmental  
10 linkage between the province of British Columbia and the state of  
11 Washington; and

12 WHEREAS, The cities in the state of Washington have invested  
13 millions of dollars in protecting the quality of those waters by  
14 upgrading to secondary treatment of their wastewater before discharging  
15 it into the Strait of Juan de Fuca; and

16 WHEREAS, In British Columbia, municipalities in the Victoria area  
17 currently discharge an estimated fifteen million gallons of untreated  
18 human and industrial waste into the Strait every day; and

19 WHEREAS, The voters of greater Victoria rejected a referendum on  
20 November 21, 1992, that included options to build primary and secondary

1 treatment facilities to address the environmental hazard created by  
2 those untreated wastes; and

3 WHEREAS, The continued discharge of untreated wastes by the Capital  
4 Regional District poses an immediate risk to the environmental  
5 integrity of our shared waters; and

6 WHEREAS, Previous diplomatic efforts by officials of both the state  
7 of Washington and the United States government have failed to secure a  
8 commitment from the Capital Regional District to remedy this situation  
9 within the foreseeable future;

10 NOW, THEREFORE, Your Memorialists ask that the Harcourt  
11 Administration and the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia require  
12 the Capital Regional District to adopt a plan for construction of at  
13 least primary treatment and, preferably, secondary treatment of its  
14 sewage; and

15 Your Memorialists also ask that the government of British Columbia  
16 provide whatever assistance is necessary for a timely implementation of  
17 that plan.

18 BE IT RESOLVED, That copies of this Memorial be immediately  
19 transmitted to the Honorable Michael Harcourt, Premier of British  
20 Columbia; the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly; and to each member  
21 of the Legislative Assembly.

--- END ---