CS FOR SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 6(RES)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

NINETEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE SENATE RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Offered: 2/28/96
Referred: Rules

Sponsor(s): SENATE RESOURCES COMMITTEE

A RESOLUTION

1 Endorsing passage of S. 506 and H.R. 1580, measures making responsible changes
in the Mining Law of 1872.

3 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE:

4 WHEREAS more than 60 percent of land in the state is federal land; and
5 WHEREAS most of this federal land is not currently open to mineral entry; and
6 WHEREAS much of the federal land in the state, including, for example, the location
7 of the Greens Creek Mine on federal land within the Tongass National Forest, is of high
8 mineral potential; and
9 WHEREAS orderly and responsible exploration and development of mineral resources
10 on federal land within the state can do much to diversify and strengthen the state’s economy;
11 and
12 WHEREAS a significant amount of exploration and development of federal mineral
13 land will take place in rural parts of the state, providing much needed jobs and infrastructure;
14 and
15 WHEREAS, as the mining industry evolves, changes in the industry’s legal
underpinnings should be made, reflecting that applicable law remains cognizant of the industry’s technological improvements;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Senate urges the governor, the Alaska Congressional delegation, and the Western Governors’ Association to support S. 506 and H.R. 1580, measures proposing responsible changes in the Mining Law of 1872.

COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the members of the Western Governors’ Association 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.