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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 6

SJR 6 urges the U.S. Army and U.S. Air Force to extend the comment period on the environmental impact statement associated with the Joint Pacific Alaska Range Complex modernization and enhancement proposal.

The current comment period began at the height of the holiday season on December 10, 2010 and closes on February 18, 2011.

Alaskans rely heavily, and in many instances solely, upon the aviation industry and any significant expansion of Military Operations Areas may have a far-reaching impact across multiple segments of the state's communities, industries, and economic activities.

The aviation industry in Alaska creates approximately \$3,500,000,000 in economic activity and supports an estimated 47,000 jobs.

I respectfully urge you to support this resolution and allow a significant sector of Alaska's economy to weigh in on this proposal.

