

**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**  
**2 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

1 underpinnings should be made, reflecting that applicable law remains cognizant of the  
2 industry's technological improvements;

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

6       **COPIES** of this resolution shall be sent to the members of the Western Governors'  
7 Association and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Frank Murkowski, U.S.  
8 Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska  
9 delegation in Congress.