

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.