

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 5

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

NINETEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE SENATE RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Introduced: 2/23/96

Referred: Resources

A RESOLUTION

1 Relating to the federal government's failure to abide by the intent of the Alaska
2 National Interest Lands Conservation Act.

3 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE:**

4 **WHEREAS** the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act (ANILCA), P.L. 96-
5 487, was intended by its framers to fully settle the status of all federal land in Alaska and
6 therefore provide much needed stability for the benefit of all businesses and citizens of the
7 State of Alaska; and

8 **WHEREAS** two areas of extreme importance to Alaska in ANILCA were

9 (1) Title XI, which provided a mechanism to gain a right of access across
10 Conservation System Units that were created as part of ANILCA; and

11 (2) Secs. 101d and 1326b of ANILCA which prohibited the creation of new
12 Conservation System Units in Alaska; and

13 **WHEREAS** Title XI of ANILCA was specifically included to provide assured,
14 reasonable, and timely access across the patchwork of federal Conservation System Units in
15 Alaska but has been administered by the federal government in such a manner as to amount
16 to no more than useless rhetoric; and

1 **WHEREAS** secs. 101d and 1326b of ANILCA were included to assure no further land
2 withdrawals from multiple use from the federal land base in Alaska, but these provisions have
3 also been ignored by the federal government since the passage of ANILCA; and

4 **WHEREAS** these two areas of extreme importance have been ignored by the federal
5 government with the end result negatively affecting citizens and businesses in Alaska; and

6 **WHEREAS** Alaska has the ability to request land exchanges under secs. 103b and
7 1302h of ANILCA of land now known to contain high resource values that have been
8 arbitrarily withdrawn from multiple use by ANILCA;

9 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Senate respectfully requests that the federal
10 government live up to the true intent of the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act
11 in all issues of access, and creation of additional Conservation System Units, and fully support
12 exchanges of high resource value land with Alaska to enable Alaska to establish greater
13 economic and infrastructure opportunities for the people of the state.

14 **COPIES** of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Bill Clinton, President of the
15 United States; the Honorable Al Gore, Jr., Vice-President of the United States and President
16 of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable Newt Gingrich, Speaker of the U.S. House of
17 Representatives; the Honorable Strom Thurmond, President Pro Tempore of the U.S. Senate;
18 the Honorable Bob Dole, Majority Leader of the U.S. Senate; and to the Honorable Ted
19 Stevens and the Honorable Frank Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young,
20 U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.