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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

Requesting a feasibility study relating to the construction of a slaughterhouse on the Seward Peninsula, and agriculture in the Matanuska and Tanana Valleys, the Kenai Peninsula, and Kodiak Island.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

WHEREAS a significant new development of the Alaska reindeer industry would benefit all the people of Alaska, by providing a major source of food and income to its residents; and

WHEREAS there are presently approximately 10,000 reindeer on the northern part of the Seward Peninsula near Deering; and

WHEREAS a slaughterhouse facility in the area would provide an efficient means for thinning out overgrazing herds; and

WHEREAS a new industry in this area would do much to alleviate the severe poverty there; and

WHEREAS, in addition to an expended reindeer industry, the agricultural industry demands comprehensive scrutiny, so that the most modern methods of production, transportation, and marketing are instituted and maintained in the state;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Sixth Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests the Department of the Interior in cooperation with the Department of Agriculture, to conduct a feasibility study of building a slaughterhouse facility on the northern part of the Seward Peninsula near Deering; and to include in the study a comprehensive examination of agriculture in the Matanuska and Tanana Valleys, the Kenai Peninsula, and Kodiak Island; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Governor is respectfully requested to direct the Division of Agriculture, Department of Natural Resources, to supply all available information on the existing.

reindeer and agriculture industry and assist, when requested, in conducting the study.

COPIES of this Resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Walter J. Hickel, Secretary, Department of the Interior; the Honorable Louis R. Bruce, Commissioner, Bureau of Indian Affairs; the Honorable Clifford M. Hardin, Secretary, Department of Agriculture; the Honorable Charles Richmond, Area Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs; the Honorable Thomas E. Kelly, Commissioner, Department of Natural Resources; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Mike Gravel, U. S. Senators, and the Honorable Howard W. Pollock, U. S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.