

STATE OF ALASKA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Relating to an amendment to the Icy Cape No. 1 timber sale, contract number SC-182, permitting exportation of round logs.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

WHEREAS the Alaska Department of Natural Resources let a timber sale contract in Icy Cape in 1969 which specifically prohibited the exportation of round logs as a marketable commodity; and

WHEREAS, as a result of state policy requiring primary manufacture of timber in the state, several sawmills in Alaska have established sawmill operations suitable for primary manufacture of timber; and

WHEREAS people who work in these sawmills are permanent members of their communities, and the sawmills are an integral part of the economies of the communities in which they are located; and

WHEREAS in January, 1979 the state amended the Icy Cape No. 1 timber sale contract, waiving the requirement of primary manufacture of logs in the state contrary to its stated policy; and

WHEREAS waiving of the primary manufacture requirements for timber harvested in Alaska will create great hardships not only for those people who will be unemployed with the closing of the sawmills which depend on primary manufacturing of logs, but also for the affected communities which will lose an economically viable industry; and

WHEREAS the findings made by the Department of Natural Resources which brought about the waiver of primary manufacture appear to discriminate in favor of the company holding the timber sale contract; and

WHEREAS wilderness proposals under RARE II and pending (d)(2) legislation will most likely reduce the availability of timber in Alaska from other sources;

BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives that the amendment which waived primary manufacture in the Icy Cape No. 1 timber sale is not in the best interests of the state and its citizens; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that round logs from the Icy Cape timber sale contract continue to be made available under the timber sale contract to those sawmills in the state which are capable and willing to process these logs into lumber to provide local employment as well as building materials for the Alaska market; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the House of Representatives respectfully requests the Governor to direct the Department of Natural Resources to reevaluate the amendment waiving primary manufacture of timber in the state giving due consideration to all parties who would be adversely affected by permitting export of round logs.