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Relating to maintaining timber industry employment, funding of U.S. Forest Service operations, and the allowable timber harvest level in Southeast Alaska and amendment of sections 703 and 705 of the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act.

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

WHEREAS the House Interior Committee of the U. S. Congress has passed a bill that would make a number of major changes in the sections of the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act of 1980 (ANILCA) that affect the Tongass National Forest; and

WHEREAS holders of the 50-year contracts, independent timber interests, Native corporations, local communities, and fishing, tourism, and environmental advocates are working hard to achieve a compromise; and

WHEREAS representatives from Southeast Alaska are working hard to achieve a compromise and the Congress should work to achieve a compromise developed by Alaskans; and

WHEREAS a reasonable compromise should provide for

- (1) adequate input from the people of Southeast Alaska;
- (2) meaningful consideration of the issues set out in the ongoing Tongass Land Management Plan (TLMP) revision process;
- (3) maintenance of job levels in the dependent and independent timber industries;
- (4) adequate fish and game protection;
- (5) an adequate wilderness system;
- (6) recognition of community interests; and

- (7) protection of subsistence;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature urges the United States House of Representatives to review sections 703 and 705 of ANILCA and the bill that passed the House Interior Committee and continue working with all parties from Alaska to achieve a reasonable compromise that will

- (1) consider the issues raised in the TLMP revision process;

- (2) maintain the timber supply needed to support existing timber industry employment in the Tongass National Forest;

- (3) protect subsistence, fish and game habitats, and commercial fisheries;

- (4) provide for mining opportunities;

- (5) support local community self-determination;

- (6) recognize the growing tourism industry; and

- (7) maintain transportation and utility corridors.

COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Richard E. Lyng, Secretary of Agriculture; the Honorable Donald P. Hodel, Secretary of the Interior; the Honorable Patrick J. Leahy, Chairman of the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry; the Honorable J. Bennett Johnston, Chairman of the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources; the Honorable E de la Garza, Chairman of the House Committee on Agriculture; the Honorable Morris K. Udall, Chairman of the House Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs; the Honorable George Miller, Chairman of the Subcommittee on Water and Power Resources, House Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs; Dale Robertson, Chief of the U.S. Forest Service; William P. Horn, Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks, Department of the Interior; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Frank Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.