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Relating to the protection of the Alaska fur industry.

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE:**

WHEREAS it is critical socially and economically to the state to protect the Alaska fur industry; and

WHEREAS the Convention on International Trade of Endangered Species (CITES) will convene at Ottawa, Canada in July 1987; and

WHEREAS the World Society for the Protection of Animals and other preservation organizations are attempting to expand the endangered species list to include lynx and wolverines; and

WHEREAS placement of these species on the endangered species list will curtail international trade in these resources and place unreasonable restrictions on Alaskans; and

WHEREAS lynx, wolverines, and other wild fur-bearing animals are important to the fur industry in Alaska, and if properly managed should not be declared to be endangered species; and

WHEREAS Alaskans must become more active in opposing efforts by animal preservation organizations to stop properly regulated hunting, fishing, and trapping activities; and

WHEREAS an ad hoc working group of nongovernmental organizations has been organized to lobby for the fur industry in Ottawa and there are no nongovernmental organizations from Alaska represented in this important working group; and

WHEREAS the CITES bylaws allow citizen participation through nongovernmental organizations at the Convention; and

WHEREAS citizen and other nongovernmental organizations are

being formed in Canada to assist in efforts to stop further listing of fur-bearing trade animals on the endangered species list; and

WHEREAS the Alaska Outdoor Council, a nonprofit Alaska organization, is the largest recognized representative of Alaska sportsmen, trappers, and other outdoor users and has offered to help coordinate efforts to officially recognize a nongovernmental organization from Alaska; and

WHEREAS Alaska trappers in 1984 requested a self-imposed license increase to promote better management of Alaska's fur resources and to protect the rights of the trappers and the fur industry in Alaska;

BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate that the Alaska Outdoor Council is requested to form a nongovernmental organization task force to represent Alaska and to lobby for the Alaska fur industry at the 1987 CITES Convention; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Senate requests that the task force be composed of one member from the Alaska Outdoor Council, one member from the Alaska Federation of Natives, one member from the Alaska Trappers Association, a furbearer biologist from the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, and one nonaligned member to be selected by the other members; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Senate requests the Alaska Outdoor Council task force to select its officers from within its own ranks and to make available to the Legislative Budget and Audit Committee a report following the convention.

COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Alaska Outdoor Council; the Alaska Federation of Natives; the Alaska Trappers Association; and to Don Collinsworth, commissioner of fish and game.