

**HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 11**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

NINETEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY REPRESENTATIVE OGAN

Introduced: 5/10/95

Referred: House Special Committee on World Trade and State/Federal Relations, State Affairs, Resources

**A RESOLUTION**

1 **Requesting the Congress to clarify that the Reindeer Industry Act of 1937 no**  
2 **longer applies in the State of Alaska.**

3 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:**

4 **WHEREAS** the State of Alaska entered into the Union on an equal footing with all  
5 other states, and the Statehood Compact specifically granted authority over fish and wildlife  
6 to the State of Alaska; and

7 **WHEREAS** the State of Alaska is the only state subject to a federally imposed policy  
8 barring the ownership of reindeer based on race; and

9 **WHEREAS** the Congress and the President of the United States are presently  
10 embarking on a campaign to return rights and authority to the states; and

11 **WHEREAS** federal laws applicable to the Territory of Alaska do not necessarily apply  
12 to the State of Alaska; and

13 **WHEREAS** the Reindeer Industry Act of 1937 was enacted when Alaska was a  
14 territory and became ineffective upon statehood;

15 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska State House of Representatives respectfully  
16 requests the U.S. Congress to clarify that the Reindeer Industry Act of 1937 does not apply

1 in the State of Alaska.

2           **COPIES** of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Al Gore, Jr., Vice-President  
3 of the United States and President of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable Strom Thurmond,  
4 President Pro Tempore of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable Newt Gingrich, Speaker of the U.S.  
5 House of Representatives; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Frank  
6 Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of  
7 the Alaska delegation in Congress.