

**CS FOR SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 25(RLS)**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTIETH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

**BY THE SENATE RULES COMMITTEE**

**Offered: 3/12/98**

**Referred: Today's Calendar**

**Sponsor(s): SENATE HEALTH, EDUCATION AND SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE**

**A RESOLUTION**

**1 Urging an appeal of a case concerning marriage.**

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

**3 WHEREAS** marriage has been the foundation of civilization for thousands of years  
**4** in cultures around the world, and it is the single most important social institution; and

**5 WHEREAS** marriage is defined in all 50 states as the legal union of a man and a  
**6** woman, and two sexes must be present for it to be marriage; and

**7 WHEREAS** marriage connotes social, economic, and spiritual union; and

**8 WHEREAS** marriage is an independently quantifiable good for society; hence the state  
**9** has an interest in preserving and protecting the special status of marriage, regardless of  
**10** religious beliefs; and

**11 WHEREAS** the Alaska State Legislature in 1996, through passage of Senate Bill 308,  
**12** confirmed the definition of marriage in Alaska as being the union of one man and one woman;  
**13** and

**14 WHEREAS** a strong majority of Alaskans understand and agree with this definition  
**15** of marriage; and

**16 WHEREAS** Superior Court Judge Peter Michalski in his February 27, 1998, ruling in  
**17** Brause and Dugan v. State of Alaska seriously jeopardized the ability of the State of Alaska

1 to enforce this definition;

2           **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests Governor  
3 Tony Knowles to direct the Department of Law to use every appropriate resource available  
4 and due diligence to file and expedite an appeal of Brause and Dugan v. State of Alaska to  
5 the Alaska Supreme Court; and be it

6           **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests that  
7 the Alaska Supreme Court agree to review Judge Michalski's ruling, in light of the significant  
8 Constitutional issues involved.