

**HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 61**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTIETH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

**BY REPRESENTATIVE ELTON**

**Introduced: 2/16/98**

**Referred: Resources**

**A RESOLUTION**

**1 Relating to export of unprocessed round logs from the Tongass National Forest.**

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

**3 WHEREAS** the United States Department of Agriculture, Forest Service, has  
**4** announced its intention to allow the export of round logs from the Tongass National Forest;  
**5** and

**6 WHEREAS** this proposed policy is contrary to previous public policy and is opposed  
**7** by Alaska Senator Stevens and Senator Murkowski, and Alaska Congressman Young; and

**8 WHEREAS** the export of round logs from Forest Service land is contrary to Alaska's  
**9** desire to create jobs in the state by promoting primary and secondary manufacturing of timber  
**10** resources; and

**11 WHEREAS** there is currently an oversupply on world markets of Douglas fir and  
**12** spruce and a limited market for hemlock and cedar; and

**13 WHEREAS** the market in Asia is at it lowest point in many years, and the markets  
**14** in Canada and the Pacific Northwest have not developed as expected; and

**15 WHEREAS** there is already over 250 MMBF of Forest Service timber under contract,  
**16** with about 212 MMBF planned for the sales program in each subsequent year; and

**17 WHEREAS** the Forest Service's proposal to export round logs provides unfair

1 competition to existing state timber businesses;

2 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature strenuously objects to an anti-  
3 competitive policy that inhibits the growth of primary and secondary manufacturing of wood  
4 products in Alaska; and be it

5 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature requests the United States  
6 Department of Agriculture, Forest Service, to withdraw its proposal to export round logs from  
7 the Tongass National Forest.

8 **COPIES** of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Al Gore, Jr., Vice-President  
9 of the United States and President of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable Newt Gingrich, Speaker  
10 of the U.S. House of Representatives; the Honorable Robert F. Smith, Chair, House  
11 Agriculture Committee; the Honorable Richard G. Lugar, Chair, Senate Agriculture, Nutrition,  
12 and Forestry Committee; the Honorable Daniel R. Glickman, Secretary, U.S. Department of  
13 Agriculture; Phil Janik, Regional Forester, U.S. Forest Service; to the Honorable Ted Stevens  
14 and the Honorable Frank Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S.  
15 Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress; Sealaska Corporation; Silver  
16 Bay Logging; Viking Lumber; Seley Log and Lumber; and Louisiana Pacific Corporation.