

CS FOR SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 39(HES)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTIETH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE SENATE HEALTH, EDUCATION AND SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

Offered: 3/4/98

Referred: Rules

Sponsor(s): SENATOR TAYLOR

A RESOLUTION

1 Relating to improving reading instruction in elementary and secondary schools.

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

3 WHEREAS illiteracy is growing at an alarming rate throughout the United States; and

4 WHEREAS 24,000,000 adult Americans cannot read and another 50,000,000 are
5 limited to a fourth or fifth grade reading level; and

6 WHEREAS the Reading Excellence Act has been introduced in the United States
7 Congress as S. 1596 and would provide \$210,000,000 for research, for teacher training, and
8 for individual grants for primary and secondary reading instruction;

9 BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature supports the enactment of
10 S. 1596, the Reading Excellence Act, and urges the United States Congress to approve the
11 measure as soon as possible.

12 Copies of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Paul Coverdell, U.S. Senator
13 and prime sponsor of S. 1596, to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Frank
14 Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of
15 the Alaska delegation in Congress, and to all other members of Congress.