

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 59 am

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE HOUSE RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Amended: 3/24/00

Introduced: 3/1/00

A RESOLUTION

**1 Supporting the passage by the United States Congress of H.R. 3671, the Wildlife
2 and Sport Fish Restoration Programs Improvement Act of 2000.**

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

4 WHEREAS hunters, trappers, and sport fishermen have been the primary supporters
5 of wildlife and fish conservation for more than 50 years; and

6 WHEREAS federal financial support for wildlife and sport fish conservation and
7 restoration has come at the insistence of hunters, trappers, and sport fishermen who supported
8 the establishment of taxes on hunting and fishing equipment and the dedication of the revenue
9 from those taxes to support the Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Program and the Federal
10 Aid in Sport Fish Restoration Program, popularly known as the Pittman-Robertson program
11 and the Dingell-Johnson program, respectively; and

12 WHEREAS, since the inception of the Pittman-Robertson program and the Dingell-
13 Johnson program, billions of dollars have been raised for wildlife and sport fish conservation
14 and restoration programs; and

15 WHEREAS the success of the Pittman-Robertson program and the Dingell-Johnson
16 program is measured by the abundance of wildlife and sport fish in many states and the

1 successful restoration of many species that were threatened or endangered in the past; and

2 **WHEREAS** the integrity of the Pittman-Robertson program and the Dingell-Johnson
3 program should be preserved to maintain successful wildlife and sport fish conservation and
4 restoration programs and the heritage of fishing, hunting, and trapping that those programs
5 support; and

6 **WHEREAS** Congressman Don Young of Alaska has introduced H.R. 3671, the
7 Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Programs Improvement Act of 2000, to restore the
8 integrity of those programs;

9 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature finds that H.R. 3671, the
10 Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Programs Improvement Act of 2000, would restore the
11 integrity of those programs; and be it

12 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests that
13 the United States Congress pass H.R. 3671 to restore the integrity of the Pittman-Robertson
14 program and the Dingell-Johnson program.

15 **COPIES** of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Strom Thurmond, President
16 Pro Tempore of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable J. Dennis Hastert, Speaker of the U.S. House
17 of Representatives; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Frank Murkowski,
18 U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska
19 delegation in Congress.