

AMENDMENT # 1 BY SENATOR
GARNER

OFFERED IN THE SENATE

TO: HJR 24

1 Page 1, line 2:

2 Delete the first occurrence of "and"

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4 Page 1, line 5, following "withdrawals":

5 Insert "; and urging the United States Secretary of the Interior to review the
6 transfer of designated school trust land to the state"

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8 Page 2, line 28, following "act;":

9 Insert "and"

10 **WHEREAS**, in 1915, the United States Congress granted to the Territory of Alaska
11 sections 16 and 36 of all surveyed townships in trust for the support of public elementary and
12 secondary education; and

13 **WHEREAS** a township is a division of territory six miles square, containing 36
14 sections; and

15 **WHEREAS** receipts from those funds were put into a school lands trust fund for
16 education and then distributed to schools; and

17 **WHEREAS**, following statehood, Alaska patented to state ownership about 101,000
18 acres of school trust land reserved during the territorial period, but the Alaska State
19 Legislature then designated the land as general grant land; and

20 **WHEREAS** there are a potential 23,000,000 acres of school trust land if the trust
21 were reconstituted as mandated in the federally established program; and

22 **WHEREAS** the school lands trust would provide a new and reliable source of income
23 for the schools; and

1 **WHEREAS**, when Alaska was founded, it was the founders' intention that the school
2 lands trust would support public schools statewide;

3 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature urges the United States
4 Secretary of the Interior to review the transfer of designated school trust land to the state
5 under the 1915 federal land grant; and be it"

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7 Page 2, line 29:

8 Delete "**BE IT**"

9 Insert "**FURTHER**"