

**HOUSE BILL NO. 169**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY REPRESENTATIVE TUCK

Introduced: 3/10/17

Referred: Community and Regional Affairs, Finance

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 **"An Act establishing a program for tours of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge for**  
2 **certain members of the United States Congress."**

3 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

4 \* **Section 1.** AS 44 is amended by adding a new section to read:

5 **Article 10A. Arctic National Wildlife Refuge Familiarization Program.**

6 **Sec. 44.33.700. Arctic National Wildlife Refuge familiarization program.**

7 (a) The Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development shall  
8 implement a program to assist with and coordinate travel to and within the North  
9 Slope, including the 1002 study area of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, for  
10 members of the United States Congress. The Department of Commerce, Community,  
11 and Economic Development may only assist with or plan

12 (1) one trip for each member of Congress over the lifetime of the  
13 program;

14 (2) up to two trips a year for groups of 10 or fewer members of

1 Congress;

2 (3) a trip that does not exceed five days, including travel time, in the  
3 1002 study area of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge and the North Slope.

4 (b) The legislature may appropriate an amount necessary to fund the cost of  
5 reasonable airfare, meals, and lodging for a member of Congress visiting the North  
6 Slope as part of the program described in (a) of this section.