

1 IN THE HOUSE

BY MR. DUFFIELD

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HOUSE MEMORIAL NO. 1

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE TERRITORY OF ALASKA

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TWENTY-FIRST SESSION

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TO THE HONORABLE ERNEST GRUENING, GOVERNOR OF ALASKA; THE

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ALASKA AERONAUTICS AND COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION; AND ~~THE~~ TERRITORIAL

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DIVISION OF AERONAUTICS:

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Your Memorialist, the House of Representatives of the

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Legislature of the Territory of Alaska, in Twenty-First Regular

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Session assembled, respectfully submits that:

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WHEREAS, the reindeer herd of Nunivak Island has been

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successfully increased in numbers to the extent that the meat

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therefrom can now be made available for sale to the public; and

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WHEREAS, the population of Nunivak Island is approximately

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300 persons; and

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WHEREAS, in no other part of Alaska is this industry

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isolated to the extent that the tourist could readily view

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the herds and study the processes of this unique industry as

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well as the native arts and crafts of the inhabitants of the

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Island; and

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WHEREAS, due to the lack of a landing field on Nunivak

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Island only small bush planes on floats or skis which can

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carry only small numbers of tourists and light loads of meat,

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both at a cost beyond practicability, are able to operate to

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and from the Island; and

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WHEREAS, if large twin engine aircraft were able to operate

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to and from Nunivak Island the Territory of Alaska would

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benefit tremendously from the availability of this meat and from

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the exceptional tourist attraction; and

1 WHEREAS, the people of Nunivak Island could enjoy an
2 economy commensurate to the fine work they have done with the
3 reindeer.

4 NOW THEREFORE, Your Memorialist, the House of Representatives
5 of the Territory of Alaska respectfully urges that the Alaska
6 Aeronautics and Communications Commission and the Department
7 of Aeronautics of Alaska take immediate action towards the
8 early construction of an airfield suitable for the operation
9 of DC 3 type equipment on Nunivak Island, Alaska.

10 AND YOUR MEMORIALIST WILL EVER PRAY.

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