

1 IN THE HOUSE

BY MR. FISHER

2 HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 6

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 FIRST LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 TO THE HONORABLE FRED SEATON, SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR; THE HONOR-
6 ABLE E. L. BARTLETT AND THE HONORABLE ERNEST GRUENING, SENATORS
7 FROM ALASKA; AND THE HONORABLE RALPH J. RIVERS, REPRESENTATIVE
8 FROM ALASKA:

9 Your Memorialist, the Legislature of the State of Alaska, in
10 First Session assembled, respectfully submits that:

11 WHEREAS, the admission act for Alaska, Public Law 85-508,
12 provides for grant of more than 100,000,000 acres of land to the
13 State of Alaska; and

14 WHEREAS, Alaska can only select lands pursuant to regulations
15 issued by the Department of the Interior and the required regula-
16 tions have not been issued; and

17 WHEREAS, Alaska cannot afford to wait a year and a half,
18 which is the time that elapsed before issuance of regulations per-
19 mitting Alaska's selection of lands granted under the terms of the
20 Federal Mental Health Act; and

21 WHEREAS, Alaska is ready to select 16,000,000 acres of land
22 as soon as the Department of the Interior publishes the land se-
23 lection regulations; and

24 WHEREAS, delay in issuance of said regulations is detrimental
25 to the welfare of the people of Alaska;

26 NOW, THEREFORE, your Memorialist, the Legislature of the
27 State of Alaska in First Session assembled, urges that the Secre-
28 tary of the Interior order the immediate issuance of regulations
29 permitting Alaska to select lands granted by Public Law 85-508,

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1 and that additional selection time be granted to Alaska to compen-
2 sate for the delay in issuing said regulations.

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