

1 IN THE SENATE BY SENATOR METCALF
2 SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 17
3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
4 FIRST LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Relating to the establishment of a
6 Fish and Wildlife Conservation Pro-
7 gram in the public schools.

8 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE IN FIRST LEGISLATURE, SECOND SESSION
9 ASSEMBLED, THE HOUSE CONCURRING:

10 WHEREAS, the population of Alaska is likely to increase sub-
11 stantially in the immediate future and for many years to come; and

12 WHEREAS, the production of our commercial fisheries has
13 fallen from an annual average of approximately 6,000,000 cases to
14 a recent low of 2,500,000, thereby drastically reducing the annual
15 income of resident Alaskans; and

16 WHEREAS, there have been numerous instances of careless,
17 willful, and wanton waste of wildlife and especially of our com-
18 mercial fish in the spawning streams near our populated areas; and

19 WHEREAS, the economy of Alaska is and has been largely depen-
20 dent upon its fish and wildlife resources; and

21 WHEREAS, the future welfare of the people of the State of
22 Alaska will be dependent upon the conservation and wise use of its
23 fish and wildlife resources; and

24 WHEREAS, the use of publications and of movie films is an
25 effective means of education for our young people and for the
26 public in general;

27 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate in First Legislature, Second
28 Session assembled, the House of Representatives concurring, that
29 the state Department of Fish and Game, in cooperation with the

1 state Department of Education, undertake, provide for, and pre-
2 pare a series of publications and of conservation movie films,
3 stressing the extreme importance of avoiding willful and wanton
4 waste of our fish and wildlife resources and of the necessity of
5 conserving and making wise use of our wildlife and dwindling com-
6 mercial fishery resources, suitable for use and showing in the
7 public schools of the state; and be it

8 FURTHER RESOLVED, that the state Commissioner of Education
9 take such steps, as are necessary, to arrange for the distribution
10 of such publications and the showing of such conservation movie
11 films in the public schools of Alaska, where practicable and con-
12 sistent with general educational standards; and be it

13 FURTHER RESOLVED, that the state Commissioner of Fish and
14 Game make available such conservation films to Parent-Teachers'
15 Associations, sportsmens' groups, and other interested organiza-
16 tions, upon proper request and upon payment of necessary trans-
17 portation costs; and be it

18 FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be sent to
19 the Honorable William A. Egan, Governor of Alaska; the Honorable
20 Theo. J. Norby, Commissioner, Department of Education; and the
21 Honorable Clarence L. Anderson, Commissioner, Department of Fish
22 and Game.

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