

1 IN THE HOUSE BY MESSRS. CHAPADOS AND TAYLOR

2 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 22

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SECOND LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to the management of  
6 the buffalo herd at Big Delta.

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

9 WHEREAS, there is presently a substantial herd of buffalo  
10 near the town of Big Delta; and

11 WHEREAS, the buffalo represent a tourist attraction which is  
12 an economic benefit to the entire area; and

13 WHEREAS, the Department of Fish and Game has indicated that  
14 it may soon take action to reduce the Big Delta herd to prevent  
15 possible property damage to newly developed homestead areas ad-  
16 jacent to Big Delta resulting from the proximity of the buffalo to  
17 the area;

18 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives in Second  
19 Legislature, First Session assembled, the Senate concurring, that  
20 the Governor of Alaska be respectfully urged to direct the Depart-  
21 ment of Fish and Game to undertake the following steps in accord-  
22 ance with the desires of the Legislature. First, study all poss-  
23 ible means to relocate the buffalo in areas far enough way from  
24 Big Delta, so that damage will be kept to a minimum; and second,  
25 if game management practice requires, hold a limited and controlled  
26 hunt on the animals during which no more than 30 animals may be  
27 taken. If good management practices, as substantiated by studies,  
28 and after practical efforts, such as salt lick placement in areas  
29 away from the homestead area still indicate to the department that

1 it is necessary to reduce the herd by slaughter beyond the limited  
2 and controlled hunt, such slaughter shall be made only after full  
3 hearings are held in the Big Delta area, with adequate notice to  
4 interested parties.

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