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IN THE HOUSE

BY MESSRS. JOHNSON  
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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 12

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

SECOND LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

Relating to lifting the require-  
ment of obtaining certain permits  
to use timber.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA IN  
SECOND LEGISLATURE, FIRST SESSION ASSEMBLED:

WHEREAS, the rural and village residents of large areas of  
Alaska find it necessary to existence to use local timber and  
drift logs for their immediate personal and community use, in  
their houses and hunting and fishing camps; and

WHEREAS, the Bureau of Land Management has control of the  
timber and drift logs in these areas, and requires that persons  
using them for personal and commercial use and not for resale  
obtain a permit; and

WHEREAS, the office which issues permits is often very re-  
mote, the permit is good only for one year, and the permit system  
is not adapted to Alaskan conditions and wholly unnecessary to  
preserve Alaskan timber resources; and

WHEREAS, the inhabitants of the region, who have always used  
local timber for subsistence purposes and who do not understand  
the regulations of the Bureau or the necessity or means of com-  
plying with them, now are being put and are likely in the future  
to be put to much difficulty and inconvenience as a result of  
these regulations; and

WHEREAS, although the local representatives of the Bureau of  
Land Management have shown themselves aware of the problem, and

1 have done as much as possible to alleviate it, the only way in  
2 which the hardship upon the residents of central and western  
3 Alaska will be removed is by the total elimination of the  
4 requirement that a permit be obtained to cut and use timber for  
5 personal and community use;

6 BE IT RESOLVED by the Legislature of the State of Alaska in  
7 Second Legislature, First Session assembled, that the Bureau of  
8 Land Management of the Department of the Interior be urged to  
9 take immediate steps to lift the requirement of obtaining free-  
10 use permits for timber on lands under the control of the Bureau;  
11 and be it

12 FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be sent to  
13 the Honorable Stewart Udall, Secretary of the Interior; the  
14 Honorable Carl Landstrom, Director of the Bureau of Land Manage-  
15 ment; and to the members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.

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