

1 IN THE HOUSE

BY MR. BLODGETT

2 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. ~~2~~ 31

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 Relating to the processing of fur
5 seals in Alaska.

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

8 WHEREAS, the processing of fur seals harvested in Alaska is
9 controlled by the federal government; and

10 WHEREAS, the U. S. Department of the Interior has recently
11 canceled its fur seal processing contract with a St. Louis,
12 Missouri, corporation; and

13 WHEREAS, the people of Alaska, realizing the importance of
14 their state as a major fur producing area, are desirous of also
15 establishing Alaska as a fur processing center; and

16 WHEREAS, the processing of fur seals in Alaska would bring
17 this function considerably closer to the scene of the harvest; and

18 WHEREAS, the establishment of this industry would assist in
19 the stabilization of the Alaskan economy by providing permanent
20 employment for several hundred Alaskans; and

21 WHEREAS, the city of Nome, Alaska, has continually had a
22 large surplus of labor anxious to obtain gainful employment; and

23 WHEREAS, the Native people of Nome have acquired from their
24 ancestors and the experiences of arctic living an innate crafts-
25 manship with animal hides; and

26 WHEREAS, both the state of Alaska and the U. S. Bureau of
27 Indian Affairs are developing vocational education programs in
28 Nome, which would benefit from and assist a fur seal processing
29 establishment in that city;

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1 BE IT RESOLVED by the Legislature of the state of Alaska in
2 Second Legislature, Second Session assembled, that the Department
3 of the Interior is urged to process Alaskan fur seals in Alaska;

4 FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of the Interior is
5 urged to study the feasibility of Nome as the site for fur seal
6 processing in Alaska; and be it

7 FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be sent to
8 the Honorable Stewart L. Udall, Secretary of the Interior; the
9 Honorable D. Otis Beasley, Administrative Assistant Secretary,
10 Department of the Interior; the Honorable Philleo Nash, Commis-
11 sioner of Indian Affairs; the Honorable Robert L. Bennett, Area
12 Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs; and the Alaska Delegation in
13 Congress.

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