

1 IN THE HOUSE BY MR. CHRISTIANSEN

2 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 15 44

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SECOND LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Relating to the land withdrawal
6 for the Kuskokwim National Wild-
7 life Range.

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

10 WHEREAS, on March 1, 1956, the federal Fish and Wildlife
11 Service held a meeting at Bethel, which is on the Kuskokwim River,
12 and at this meeting the residents of the Bethel area unanimously
13 protested the proposed withdrawal of land in the Yukon-Kuskokwim
14 River Delta for the purpose of creating the Kuskokwim National
15 Wildlife Range; and

16 WHEREAS, the Alaska House of Representatives in 1960 request-
17 ed the 86th Congress to not enact legislation creating this
18 wildlife range and Congress complied with that request; and

19 WHEREAS, the Secretary of the Interior in December of 1960,
20 immediately prior to his departure from the secretariat of the
21 Department of the Interior, ordered the withdrawal of 1.8 million
22 acres of land to create the Kuskokwim National Wildlife Range;
23 and

24 WHEREAS, the people of Alaska consider this to have been an
25 arbitrary action done without regard for their wishes, and with
26 no resulting benefit to Alaska or the United States;

27 BE IT RESOLVED by the Legislature of the State of Alaska in
28 Second Legislature, Second Session assembled, that the President
29 of the United States, the Secretary of the Interior, the Interior

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1 Committees of the Senate and the House of Representatives of the
2 U. S. Congress are respectfully urged to review this arbitrary
3 action by the former Secretary of the Interior and return the
4 Kuskokwim National Wildlife Range to its original status; and be
5 it

6 FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be sent to
7 the Honorable John F. Kennedy, President of the United States;
8 the Honorable Stewart L. Udall, Secretary of the Interior; the
9 Honorable Clinton P. Anderson, Chairman, Senate Committee on
10 Interior and Insular Affairs; the Honorable Wayne D. Aspinall,
11 Chairman, House Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs; and
12 the members of the Alaska Delegation in Congress.

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