IN THE HOUSE BY MR. DEVEAU

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 55

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

SECOND LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

Relating to the purchase of local meat products by military installations in Alaska.

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

WHEREAS, excellent meat products are now being produced within the State of Alaska, within a short distance of most military bases; and

WHEREAS, owing to a technical requirement for federal inspection of meat products for military installations, the military is now importing meat from countries as remote as Argentina; and

WHEREAS, there are veterinary and agriculture inspectors employed by the State Division of Agriculture who are ready and able, as they have done on some items in the past, to insure that the Alaskan meat products comply with federal requirements; and

WHEREAS, the development of a strong meat products industry will be beneficial not only to the state, but also to the military bases by insuring a greater abundance of meat products at lower prices at a nearby market; and

WHEREAS, the continuance of the practice of ignoring Alaskan meat products in favor of imports from remote regions is contrary not only to good sense but to the best interests of the military establishments, the State of Alaska, and the country as a whole;

BE IT RESOLVED by the Legislature of the State of Alaska in Second Legislature, Second Session assembled that the Department

of Defense is respectfully urged to take whatever measures are necessary to enable the military establishments in Alaska to make use of local meat products, either by providing inspection facilities, or by amending the regulation to permit the use of inspection facilities of the state; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the armed forces then be urged to make the fullest possible use of the local supply of meat products; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be sent to the Honorable Robert S. McNamara, Secretary of Defense; the Honorable Fred Korth, Secretary of the Navy; the Honorable Elvis J. Stahr, Jr., Secretary of the Army; the Honorable Eugene M. Zuckert, Secretary of the Air Force; and to the members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.