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IN THE SENATE

BY SENATORS METCALF  
AND POLLOCK

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 36

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

SECOND LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

Relating to an invitation to  
locate the Pribilof fur seal  
processing plant in the Seward  
area.

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

WHEREAS, there is the possibility that the processing of  
Pribilof fur seal skins may be moved to the State of Alaska in  
the immediate future; and

WHEREAS, it is understood that the citizens of the United  
States, through the Federal Government, pay for the transporta-  
tion of raw furs from their native habitat to the processing  
plant at a cost directly related to the distance the furs must  
travel; and

WHEREAS, Alaska's economy needs and is rightly entitled to  
the benefits from harvesting, processing and marketing its  
resources; and

WHEREAS, the City of Seward, Alaska, has all of the require-  
ments for this industry, including adequate water with a hardness  
of 50-55 parts per million; a contract for hydro-electric power  
which provides access through existing transmission lines to all  
major generating facilities in Southcentral Alaska; excellent  
transportation, including the finest harbor in Alaska; and modern  
docks operated by The Alaska Railroad, Southern terminus of The  
Alaska Railroad; paved highways; and an airport; and

1           WHEREAS, Seward is a stable community with complete shopping  
2 and service facilities, good schools, churches, and community  
3 activities; enjoys a moderate climate, and is located in the  
4 center of one of the finest sports recreation areas in the world;  
5 and

6           WHEREAS, the Seward area has adequate housing for an expand-  
7 ed population and excellent building sites available, and a labor  
8 surplus is extant to the point that the area has been declared  
9 eligible under the Area Redevelopment Act; and

10           WHEREAS, interested citizens of the community have indicated  
11 their willingness to make a significant contribution to the con-  
12 struction of the processing plant; and

13           WHEREAS, it appears that Seward has everything this industry  
14 needs, and Seward needs and wants this industry, and the people  
15 and the City Government of Seward are enthusiastic in this in-  
16 vitation to locate the Pribilof fur seal skin processing plant  
17 in the Seward area; and

18           WHEREAS, the mutual benefits to the Federal Government's  
19 contractor, the City of Seward and the State of Alaska, are keenly  
20 desired by the Seward City Council and all of the people; and  
21 utmost cooperation and continuing fair treatment of all parties  
22 concerned is promised;

23           BE IT RESOLVED by the Legislature of the State of Alaska in  
24 Second Legislature, Second Session assembled, that the Federal  
25 Government is urged to give the utmost consideration to the City  
26 of Seward and the adjoining area for the future processing of  
27 the Pribilof fur seal skins; and be it

28           FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be sent to  
29 the Honorable John F. Kennedy, President of the United States;

1 the Honorable Stewart L. Udall, Secretary of the Interior; the  
2 Honorable William A. Egan, Governor of Alaska; and to the  
3 members of the Alaska Delegation to Congress.

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