

1 IN THE SENATE

BY FEDERAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

2 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 50

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SECOND LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Relating to the establishment of
6 a fur seal processing plant and
7 fur industry in Alaska.

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

10 WHEREAS, the U. S. Department of the Interior cancelled its
11 contract with the Fouke Fur Company of St. Louis, Missouri, for
12 the processing of Pribilof fur seal pelts, effective at the
13 end of 1962; and

14 WHEREAS, the State of Alaska realizes the importance for
15 historical, economic and financial reasons of locating a plant
16 for processing this authentic Alaskan fur product within the
17 state and near the source of the harvest; and

18 WHEREAS, the State of Alaska understands the U. S. Department
19 of the Interior's cautious policy in negotiating a new contract
20 for fur seal processing and heartily agrees that the excellent
21 quality of the finished product must be upheld at its present
22 high standard of perfection and excellence to protect its ready
23 market; and

24 WHEREAS, the State of Alaska having a decided interest in
25 the future processor locating in this state has by its Commissioner
26 of Commerce and by its Legislature through a joint Senate and
27 House Resources Committee at open hearings investigated the
28 feasibility of a fur processing plant locating in Alaska; and

29 WHEREAS, the results of the investigations support a

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1 finding that it is possible to perfect and thus continue the high
2 standards of fur processing now existing and that the State of
3 Alaska can provide abundant hydroelectric power, water facilities,
4 housing, transportation and a ready supply of labor necessary
5 for the successful operation of a fur processing plant; and

6 WHEREAS, the State of Alaska will cooperate to the limit of
7 its ability to encourage, foster and aid the establishment of
8 a fur industry as well as other new and dynamic industries
9 through its land selection program, tax moratoriums, and economic
10 development plans; and

11 WHEREAS, the State of Alaska envisions the further growth
12 and expansion of the fur seal processing plant to include the
13 many other fur pelts, now available and harvested in huge
14 quantities in the state;

15 BE IT RESOLVED by the Legislature of the State of Alaska in
16 Second Legislature, Second Session assembled, that the Department
17 of the Interior is urged to negotiate its new contract for the
18 processing of the Pribilof fur seal pelts conditioned upon
19 locating the fur processing plant in Alaska; and be it

20 FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Department of the Interior is
21 requested to convey and express to all persons interested in
22 processing the Pribilof fur seal pelts the sentiments and
23 cooperative attitude of the State of Alaska expressed in this
24 resolution to the processor who will locate in the State of
25 Alaska; and be it

26 FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be sent to
27 the Honorable Stewart L. Udall, Secretary of the Interior; the
28 Honorable D. Otis Beasley, Administrative Assistant Secretary,
29 Department of the Interior; and the Alaska Delegation in Congress.