

1 IN THE SENATE BY FEDERAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE  
2 CS FOR SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 50  
3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA  
4 SECOND LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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

8 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA IN SECOND  
9 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 end of  
13 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 state  
17 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 for  
20 fur seal processing and heartily agrees that the excellent quality  
21 of the finished product must be upheld at its present high standard  
22 of perfection and excellence to protect its ready market; and

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

28 WHEREAS, the results of the investigations support a finding  
29 that it is possible to perfect and thus continue the high standards

1 of fur processing now existing and that the State of Alaska can  
2 provide abundant hydroelectric power, water facilities, housing,  
3 transportation and a ready supply of labor necessary for the  
4 successful operation of a fur processing plant; and

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

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

14 BE IT RESOLVED by the Legislature of the State of Alaska in  
15 Second Legislature, Second Session Assembled, that the Department  
16 of the Interior is urged to explore every possibility that would  
17 lead to the processing of the Pribilof fur seal pelts in Alaska;  
18 and be it

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

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