

1 IN THE SENATE BY SENATOR POLLOCK BY REQUEST
2 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 64
3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
4 SECOND LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Relating to a federal mining
6 assessment moratorium.

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

9 WHEREAS, the Congress has for many years past approved Acts
10 relating to the suspension of annual assessment work on unpatented
11 mining claims; and

12 WHEREAS, these Acts of Congress provided relief and assist-
13 ance to the locators and operators of mineral claims in times of
14 stress and need thus allowing them to retain their claims; and

15 WHEREAS, the locators, small mine operators and developers
16 are now desperately in need of assistance to help them retain
17 their mineral rights under federal mining laws because of the
18 higher operating costs in Alaska and the fixed and low market
19 prices for their commodities; and

20 WHEREAS, many years and large sums of money have been spent
21 by these individuals in fulfilling the necessary federal require-
22 ments to retain title to their mining properties; and

23 WHEREAS, the influx of minerals from foreign countries and
24 the uncertain market for Alaska's minerals has again caused
25 economic stress which is making it difficult to hold and maintain
26 unpatented mining claims;

27 BE IT RESOLVED by the Legislature of the State of Alaska in
28 Second Legislature, Second Session assembled that it recognizes
29 the need for a moratorium on the annual assessment of unpatente

1 mining claims and that the members of the Alaska Delegation in
2 Congress are requested to introduce moratorium legislation and
3 press for its passage during the present session of Congress.

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