

BY SENATORS POLLOCK
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1 IN THE SENATE

2 SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 37

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SECOND LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Relating to the Honorable Frank
6 Peratrovich, President of the
7 Senate.

8 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE IN SECOND LEGISLATURE, SECOND SESSION
9 ASSEMBLED:

10 WHEREAS, the Honorable Frank Peratrovich has served the
11 Territory and State of Alaska well as an able legislator and as
12 President of the Senate; and

13 WHEREAS, in recognition of his familiarity, concern, and
14 experience with Alaskan problems he was recommended for appoint-
15 ment as the Area Director for Alaska of the Bureau of Indian
16 Affairs, U. S. Department of the Interior; and

17 WHEREAS, upon being offered the position of Area Director he
18 consulted at length with Department of Interior officials in
19 Washington as to the department's program for Alaska and the part
20 he would be able to play in developing a program for Alaska's
21 Native citizenry; and

22 WHEREAS, after thoroughly exploring the possibilities for
23 service to Alaska he rejected the appointment since he found that
24 bureaucratic controls within the Bureau of Indian Affairs would
25 continue to "stultify and impede" any effort to solve Alaska's
26 Native problem; and

27 WHEREAS, this exercise of conscience and statesmanship on the
28 part of Senator Peratrovich is a tribute to his integrity as a
29 citizen and legislator of Alaska and allowed the Senate to

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1 continue to benefit and enjoy his leadership as its presiding
2 officer;

3 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate in Second Legislature, Second
4 Session assembled, that it hereby commends its President, the
5 Honorable Frank Peratrovich, in his decision to resist the tempta-
6 tions of high federal office which would not only have deprived
7 the Senate and the State of his services, but would have encourag-
8 ed the Washington bureaucracy to use him as a respectable but
9 ineffective front to impose upon the Natives of Alaska the will
10 of policymakers of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, without their
11 regard to the problems which are peculiar to conditions in Alaska.

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