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IN THE SENATE

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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 4

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRD LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

Relating to the transfer of land
in the Pribilofs to the Russian
Orthodox Church.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

WHEREAS, the United States now holds title to certain
cemeteries and church property in the Pribilof Islands, which are
being used by and should properly belong to the Russian Orthodox
Church; and

WHEREAS, the conveyance of these lands to the Russian Ortho-
dox Church would materially stabilize its position on the islands
and thereby enable it to perform its many functions better; and

WHEREAS, the Fish and Wildlife Service, which exercises
jurisdiction over these lands in the Pribilofs, has agreed to
convey the lands and has surveyed them for this purpose; and

WHEREAS, the Bureau of Land Management, which holds title
to these lands, will not accept the survey made by the Fish and
Wildlife Service, and has thus thwarted this desirable transfer;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Interior be urged
to instruct the Bureau of Land Management to accept the survey
and convey the land forthwith, or, in the alternative, to immed-
iately make its own survey and to convey the lands to the Russian
Orthodox Church without delay; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be sent to
the Honorable Stewart L. Udall, Secretary of the Interior; the
Honorable Karl S. Landstrom, Director of the Bureau of Land

1 Management, Department of the Interior; the Honorable Clarence
2 F. Pautzke, Commissioner of Fish and Wildlife, Department of the
3 Interior; and to the members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.
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