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2 SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 13

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 THIRD LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to the opening of certain
6 federally withdrawn lands for pros-
7 pecting and mining.

8 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE:

9 WHEREAS reindeer stations and wildlife refuges withdrawn from
10 public entry by the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the Fish and
11 Wildlife Service are closed to mining and prospecting in Alaska;
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13 WHEREAS these withdrawals total more than 8,000,000 acres;
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15 WHEREAS many known deposits of lode and placer gold, strateg-
16 ic and industrial minerals, and coal exist within these with-
17 drawn areas; and

18 WHEREAS mining operations on St. Lawrence Island, which is
19 usually a hardship area, would create employment opportunities
20 for the native Eskimos and aid their economy; and

21 WHEREAS, in the case of the large wildlife refuges on Kodiak
22 Island and the Aleutian Islands, orderly prospecting and mining
23 could be carried on without disturbing the wildlife under pro-
24 tection and with no conflict with the control or regulations of
25 the Fish and Wildlife Service as is done in some wildlife refug-
26 es in the other states;

27 BE IT RESOLVED that the Honorable John F. Kennedy, President
28 of the United States; the Congress of the United States; the
29 Honorable Stewart L. Udall, Secretary of the Interior; the

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1 Honorable Philleo Nash, Commissioner of Indian Affairs; the
2 Honorable Frank P. Briggs, Assistant Secretary, Fish and Wildlife
3 are respectfully urged that these withdrawn lands be opened to
4 prospecting and mining by the respective agencies concerned.
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