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1 IN THE SENATE BY SENATORS BRONSON AND HOPSON  
2 SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 48  
3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA  
4 THIRD LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION  
5 Relating to the use of coal mines  
6 by the citizens of Wainwright,  
7 Alaska.

8 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE:

9 WHEREAS, the community of Wainwright is a progressive one  
10 which is now seeking to incorporate as a city of the fourth class;  
11 and

12 WHEREAS, this city of 265 permanent residents has been making  
13 special efforts to improve the lot of its citizens and continue  
14 its development as a modern community; and

15 WHEREAS, since time immemorial the residents of Wainwright  
16 have used two nearby coal mines as a necessary community source of  
17 heating fuel; and

18 WHEREAS, one mine is leased on a year-to-year basis and the  
19 other on a permit from the Bureau of Indian Affairs; and

20 WHEREAS, if the title to these mines was formally given to  
21 the governing body of the people who have used them for their needs  
22 since before recorded history they would have assurance of the con-  
23 tinued availability of this vital fuel supply and not be subject  
24 to the vagaries of bureaucratic controls or private exploitation;

25 BE IT RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Interior, <sup>the Secretary of Navy</sup> and the  
26 members of the Alaska delegation in Congress are respectfully urged  
27 to proceed to take the necessary action to see that the coal mines  
28 which have served the people of Wainwright since time immemorial  
29 are formally transferred to the city of Wainwright.

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