

1 IN THE SENATE

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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 3

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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THIRD LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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Relating to the local purchase of  
6 agricultural produce by military  
7 installations.

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BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE:

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WHEREAS, the local purchase of agricultural produce for use  
10 in military installations is a prime factor in developing a local  
11 economy and encouraging the development of agriculture; and

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WHEREAS, these economic and development factors are of vital  
13 concern in Alaska where the availability of stable markets for  
14 agricultural produce is limited; and

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WHEREAS, the central purchasing system of the Air Force in  
16 Alaska, in effect, deprives producers of potatoes north of the  
17 Alaska Range of reasonable access to the market provided by the  
18 several military installations in their immediate area because the  
19 potatoes must be shipped south to Elmendorf Air Force Base and  
20 then back to the installations in the area in which the potatoes  
21 are produced; and

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WHEREAS, this system of contracting and purchasing involves  
23 unnecessary expense; and

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WHEREAS, local farms are equipped to deliver directly to the  
25 installations ordering weekly supplies of potatoes and thereby  
26 are able to effect a great economy to the government; and

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WHEREAS, time is of the essence to the local producer who  
28 must order fertilizer and plan and make other arrangements for  
29 the coming season's crop;

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1 BE IT RESOLVED that the Department of Defense is urged to  
2 revise its contracting and purchasing procedures regarding locally  
3 produced agricultural produce so as to allow for direct purchase  
4 and delivery arrangements by each installation with the local  
5 producer or to allow the central purchasing office and commissary  
6 to contract for the purchase and delivery from and by the local  
7 producer directly to the receiving installation; and be it

8 FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be sent to  
9 the Honorable Robert S. McNamara, Secretary of Defense; the  
10 Honorable Eugene M. Zuckert; Secretary of the Air Force; the Com-  
11 mander, Alaskan Command; the Commander, Alaska Air Command; and  
12 the members of the Alaska Delegation in Congress.

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