

1 IN THE HOUSE

BY MR. MOSES

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 7

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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FOURTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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Relating to conditions on

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the Pribilof Islands.

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

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WHEREAS there exists on the federal wildlife reservation on

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the Pribilof Islands of Alaska a form of bondage of American

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citizens contrary to constitutional concepts of government; and

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WHEREAS this federally sponsored bondage involves the freedom

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of assembly, movement, and property of American citizens under a

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bureaucratic paternalism incompatible with the rights of man; and

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WHEREAS this situation has its basis in law (Sec. 6, P.L.

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78-237) as administered by the Department of the Interior; and

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WHEREAS a citizen may not visit other citizens on the islands

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without bureaucratic permission in advance and is kept under

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surveillance while there if he is allowed to visit at all; and

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WHEREAS a candidate for and now a member of the Alaska State

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Legislature was denied access to the voters of the islands under

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these prohibitions; and

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WHEREAS these and other deprivations of rights warrant in-

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vestigation and action on the part of Congress;

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BE IT RESOLVED that the Congress of the United States is re-

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spectfully and earnestly requested to investigate the administra-

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tion of the Pribilof Island wildlife reservation by the Department

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of the Interior and amend the law governing control of the islands

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and the citizen resident thereof to insure that they receive and

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enjoy the same civil rights and opportunities the Constitution

1 guarantees to all citizens; and be it

2       FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be sent to  
3 the Honorable Lyndon B. Johnson, President of the United States;  
4 the Honorable Hubert H. Humphrey, Vice President of the United  
5 States; the Honorable John W. McCormack, Speaker of the House of  
6 Representatives; the Honorable Carl Hayden, President pro tempore  
7 of the Senate; the Honorable Wayne N. Aspinall, Chairman, House  
8 Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs; the Honorable Henry M.  
9 Jackson, Chairman, Senate Interior and Insular Affairs Committee;  
10 the Honorable Stewart L. Udall, Secretary of the Interior; the  
11 Honorable Philleo Nash, Commissioner of Indian Affairs; and the  
12 members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.

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