

1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

2 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 63

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 FOURTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Requesting action to insure that  
6 the State of Alaska receives the  
7 Pribilof seal income it is en-  
8 titled to under the Alaska State-  
9 hood Act.

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

11 WHEREAS under the Alaska Statehood Act the federal government  
12 through the Department of the Interior is to pay the State of  
13 Alaska 70 per cent of the net proceeds of the sale of fur seal  
14 skins and other Pribilof Island products; and

15 WHEREAS the income to which Alaska is entitled is vital to  
16 the operation of the state and in the fiscal year 1961 the income  
17 reached a high of \$1,050,002 and despite continued good harvesting  
18 then went down to no income at all for the state in the current  
19 fiscal year; and

20 WHEREAS the complete loss of this source of revenue is  
21 attributable to the action and policies of the Department of the  
22 Interior which without Congressional approval devoted the net  
23 proceeds to administrative costs and research, thus depriving the  
24 State of Alaska of any of the income which by Act of Congress it  
25 is entitled;

26 BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the State of Alaska  
27 respectfully protests to the President of the United States and  
28 the Congress regarding the actions of the Department of the  
29 Interior in effectively depriving the State of Alaska of the income

1 it is entitled to under the Alaska Statehood Act from the net  
2 income derived from the sale of fur seal skins and other products  
3 of the Pribilof Islands and respectfully requests administrative  
4 and legislative action to insure that the revenue due the State of  
5 Alaska is restored and not again allowed to be dissipated by  
6 administrative action contrary to the intent of Congress.

7 COPIES of this resolution shall go to the Honorable Lyndon  
8 B. Johnson, President of the United States; the Honorable Henry  
9 M. Jackson, Chairman, Senate Interior and Insular Affairs Com-  
10 mittee; the Honorable Wayne N. Aspinall, Chairman, House Interior  
11 and Insular Affairs Committee; the Honorable Stewart L. Udall,  
12 Secretary of the Interior; and the Honorable E. L. Bartlett and  
13 the Honorable Ernest Gruening, U. S. Senators, and the Honorable  
14 Ralph J. Rivers, U. S. Representative, members of the Alaska  
15 delegation in Congress.

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