

1 IN THE HOUSE

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2 HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 1

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 FOURTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Relating to the transplanting of
6 bison.

7 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

8 WHEREAS the bison has proven itself to be an extremely hardy
9 animal capable of thriving in the extreme weather conditions of
10 the Big Delta area since its transplant there in 1928; and

11 WHEREAS this adaptability and fortitude reflects the bison's
12 apparent ability to become a valuable meat resource in the remote
13 areas of Alaska; and

14 WHEREAS it would seem more beneficial to the state's economy
15 if, in an effort to make room for encroaching civilization, the
16 size of the Big Delta bison herd is controlled by transplanting
17 some of these animals to other areas of the state rather than
18 holding annual bison hunts; and

19 WHEREAS there is every indication that the recent bison trans-
20 plant made at Fairwell in the McGrath area during 1965 has been
21 highly successful;

22 BE IT RESOLVED that the Department of Fish and Game is re-
23 quested to transplant bison to the Unalakleet area during 1966 and,
24 if feasible, to make a similar transplant to the Bristol Bay area.

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