

1 IN THE SENATE

BY SENATOR POLLOCK

2 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 16

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 FOURTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to conditions on
6 the Pribilof Islands.

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

8 WHEREAS there exists on the federal wildlife reservation on
9 the Pribilof Islands of Alaska a form of bondage of American
10 citizens contrary to constitutional concepts of government; and

11 WHEREAS this federally sponsored bondage involves the free-
12 dom of assembly, movement, and property of American citizens under
13 a bureaucratic paternalism incompatible with the rights of man;
14 and

15 WHEREAS this situation has its basis in law (Sec. 6, P.L.
16 78-237) as administered by the Department of the Interior; and

17 WHEREAS a citizen may not visit other citizens on the islands
18 without bureaucratic permission in advance and is kept under
19 surveillance while there if he is allowed to visit at all; and

20 WHEREAS a candidate for and now a member of the Alaska State
21 Legislature was denied access to the voters of the islands under
22 these prohibitions; and

23 WHEREAS these and other deprivations of rights warrant in-
24 vestigation and action on the part of Congress;

25 BE IT RESOLVED that the Congress of the United States is re-
26 spectfully and earnestly requested to investigate the administra-
27 tion of the Pribilof Island wildlife reservation by the Department
28 of the Interior and amend the law governing control of the islands
29 and the citizen residents thereof to insure that they receive and
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1 enjoy the same civil rights and opportunities the Constitution
2 guarantees to all citizens; and be it

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

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