

1 IN THE SENATE BY SENATOR POLLOCK

2 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 45

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 FOURTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Urging the President of the
6 United States to take action
7 in regard to the patent of
8 United States forest lands for
9 the benefit and use of Alaska.

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

11 WHEREAS the avowed purpose of the Alaska Statehood Act
12 (P.L. 85-508) in granting Alaska the right to select 400,000
13 acres of national forest land was to accommodate Alaskan communi-
14 ties in their future expansion and development; and

15 WHEREAS since its admission to the Union, none of the forest
16 land selected by Alaska has been approved for patent by the
17 United States Forest Service; and

18 WHEREAS numerous communities in Alaska are circumscribed
19 by national forest lands and cannot presently meet the needs of
20 their growing populations because the United States Forest Serv-
21 ice refuses to approve the release of its forest acreage; and

22 WHEREAS to continue the present policy of withholding the
23 forest lands for some undefined future generations of people is
24 to frustrate and defeat the intent of the Alaska Statehood Act;

25 BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the State of Alaska
26 urges the President of the United States to direct the United
27 States Forest Service to unlock the forest reserves which, as
28 specifically stated in P.L. 85-508, are ". . . adjacent to
29 established communities or suitable for prospective community

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centers and recreational areas. . ." for ". . . the purposes of
furthering the development and expansion of communities. . ." in
Alaska; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be sent to
the Honorable Orville S. Freeman, Secretary of the Department of
Agriculture; the Honorable Edward P. Cliff, Chief of the United
States Forest Service; the Honorable W. H. Johnson, United States
Regional Forester for Alaska; and the Alaska delegation in
Congress.