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1 IN THE SENATE BY THE RULES COMMITTEE BY  
2 REQUEST OF THE POLICY COMMITTEE

3 SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 12

4 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

5 FOURTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

6 Relating to the action of the  
7 Department of Fish and Game  
8 limiting the taking of polar  
9 bears.

10 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE:

11 WHEREAS the State Department of Fish and Game, with a total  
12 disregard for the rights of the people of this State, unhampered  
13 by the Chief Executive, and ignoring the Legislature except for  
14 appropriations, has this time capriciously, wrongfully, and  
15 arbitrarily issued an emergency ruling limiting the taking of  
16 polar bear; and

17 WHEREAS this ruling, if necessary, could have been promulgated  
18 several months ago on the basis of information had regarding the  
19 taking of some 251 polar bear during the 1964 season, but instead  
20 waited until Alaska guides had booked hunters, and taken deposits  
21 which they now must cancel, thus costing citizens of this state  
22 thousands of dollars and damaging the image of Alaskans in the  
23 eyes of big game hunters everywhere;

24 BE IT RESOLVED that Walter Kirkness, Commissioner, and James  
25 Brooks, Director of Game, Department of Fish and Game are hereby  
26 censured for their arbitrary action in waiting until this late  
27 date to limit taking of polar bear and thereby damaging citizens  
28 of Alaska and elsewhere, and the Department is directed to sub-  
29 stantially relax this ruling for the 1965 season and hereafter to  
avoid emergency regulations in the field of game; and be it

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1           FURTHER RESOLVED that failure to obey this resolution will  
2 result in the Senate taking appropriate action to limit the rule  
3 making powers and to substantially decrease appropriations for  
4 the Department of Fish and Game; and be it

5           FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be delivered  
6 to Commissioner Walter Kirkness and Director James Brooks.

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