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1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE SPECIAL HOUSE COMMITTEE ON
FISHERIES

2 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 76

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 FIFTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Requesting Congress to amend the
6 Knutson-Vandenberg Act.

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

8 WHEREAS the Knutson-Vandenberg Act requires that money collected from
9 purchasers of national forest timber be deposited in a special account and
10 used to cover the cost to the United States of tree planting, sowing of
11 tree seeds, and destroying or removing undesirable trees and other growth,
12 on the national forest land cut over by the purchaser; and

13 WHEREAS the conditions in the national forests in Southeastern Alaska
14 have not required the full use of the Knutson-Vandenberg Act funds because
15 the cut areas have reseeded naturally and heavy rainfall has diminished
16 forest fire threats; and

17 WHEREAS, with increased cutting, the available funds will increase
18 but there will be no marked increase in the utilization of the funds for
19 the purposes for which they were intended; and

20 WHEREAS the funds could be put to better use in the national forests of
21 Alaska to improve and rehabilitate salmon streams and for general watershed
22 improvement; and

23 WHEREAS, if an exception were made in the law to allow the utilisation
24 of the Knutson-Vandenberg funds for additional purposes, streams could be
25 managed to produce at their greatest capacity, vastly improving the salmon
26 runs, and other forest conservation goals could be furthered by watershed
27 improvement;

28 BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska Legislature respectfully urges the
29 Congress of the United States to amend the Knutson-Vandenberg Act, 46 Stat.

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1 527, to provide that unexpended funds could be used in the national forests
2 of Alaska for stream potential surveys, stream improvement, silt removal,
3 construction of artificial salmon spawning beds, live fish transplantation,
4 and general watershed improvement and land stabilization, as well as for the
5 present purposes set out in the Act.

6 COPIES of this Resolution shall be sent to The Honorable John W.
7 McCormack, Speaker of the House of Representatives; The Honorable Carl Hayden,
8 President Pro Tempore of the Senate; and to The Honorable E.L. Bartlett and
9 The Honorable Ernest Gruening, U.S. Senators, and The Honorable Howard W.
10 Pollock, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.

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