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1 IN THE SENATE

2 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 16

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 FIFTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Urging that homesteaders on federal
6 land be relieved of further work on
7 their claims until the Alaska Native
8 Land Claims question has been
9 resolved.

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

11 WHEREAS persons desiring to homestead federally owned land are required
12 to build homes, cultivate one-eighth of their lands and reside on their
13 lands for at least seven months a year for three years; and

14 WHEREAS the Secretary of the Interior has issued the statement that
15 no final action will be taken by local Bureau of Land Management offices
16 looking toward patent until the question of the Alaska Native Land Claims
17 has been settled; and

18 WHEREAS much of the land claimed by the Natives is owned by the federal
19 government and is being developed by homesteaders who are working for a
20 patent; and

21 WHEREAS until the Alaska Native Land Claims question is decided, federal
22 homesteaders are working and developing lands with absolutely no legal
23 assurance that they will ever be given the patent to these lands; and

24 WHEREAS to require persons to expend great time, money, and effort
25 merely in the hope that they will someday acquire a patent is highly
26 unreasonable and inequitable;

27 BE IT RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Interior is respectfully
28 requested to direct that no further work, as required by law, need be done
29 by those homesteading on federal land in Alaska until the question of the

1 Alaska Native Land Claims is resolved and that these settlers need not
2 resume working toward their patents until one full year after the question
3 has been decided.

4 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Lyndon B.
5 Johnson, President of the United States; the Honorable Stewart L. Udall,
6 Secretary of the Interior; and to the Honorable E.L. Bartlett and the
7 Honorable Ernest Gruening, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Howard W. Pollock,
8 U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.

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