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1 IN THE SENATE

BY B. PHILLIPS BY REQUEST

2 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 17

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 FIFTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to an assessment moratorium
6 on certain mineral properties.

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

8 WHEREAS for good cause Congress in the past has enacted numerous laws sus-
9 pending for a time the annual assessment work on unpatented mining claims; and

10 WHEREAS the purpose and effect of this legislation was to benefit and
11 assist locators and developers of mineral claims in times of stress; and

12 WHEREAS this is a period of uncertainty in the economic future of
13 Alaska's mineral industry, and the locators and developers of gold properties
14 are presently in desperate need of assistance because of the high costs of
15 operation in Alaska and a fixed and low market price for gold; and

16 WHEREAS many years and large sums of money have been spent by these
17 individuals in fulfilling the necessary requirements to retain title to their
18 properties; and

19 WHEREAS a moratorium on assessment requirements would create no expense
20 or burden to the taxpayer or the treasury of Alaska;

21 BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska Delegation to Congress is respectfully
22 requested to introduce legislation in this session of Congress which would
23 provide for a moratorium of five years on the assessment requirements for
24 locators, holders, and operators of gold deposits in Alaska in the cases
25 where the locators, holders or operators have been in possession of their
26 gold property for at least 10 years prior to the passage of this resolution.

27 COPIES of this Resolution shall be sent to the Honorable E.L. Bartlett
28 and the Honorable Ernest Gruening, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Howard W.
29 Pollock, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.