

1 IN THE SENATE

BY THE RESOURCES COMMITTEE

2 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 25

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 FIFTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to transferring the control
6 of the reindeer industry from the
7 Bureau of Indian Affairs to the State
8 of Alaska.

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

10 WHEREAS the control of the reindeer industry in Alaska is presently
11 under the control of the Bureau of Indian Affairs; and

12 WHEREAS the management policies of the Bureau of Indian Affairs have to
13 date, been inadequate to promote a thriving reindeer industry among the
14 people of Northern and Western Alaska by making reindeer stock readily avail-
15 able, thereby providing these people with an opportunity to become economi-
16 cally self-sufficient; and

17 WHEREAS the State of Alaska should be afforded the opportunity to
18 evaluate and take positive action in promoting the reindeer industry in
19 Alaska;

20 BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature urges that immediate action be
21 taken on the federal level to accomplish the following changes immediately:

22 1. Transfer of administrative control of the Reindeer Act to the
23 State of Alaska;

24 2. Grant of the Bureau of Indian Affairs' annual operating budget
25 for the reindeer program to the State of Alaska;

26 3. Recruitment and employment by the state of staff personnel for
27 administration of the reindeer program without federal transfer of staff
28 personnel from the Bureau of Indian Affairs; and be it

29 FURTHER RESOLVED that the Governor is respectfully requested to direct

1 that necessary state action be taken to promote assumption of administrative
2 control of the Reindeer Act by the state and that state action with respect
3 to the subject not be confined to continuing research only.

4 COPIES of this Resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Stewart L.
5 Udall, Secretary of the Interior; the Honorable Henry M. Jackson, Chairman,
6 Senate Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs; the Honorable Wayne N.
7 Aspinall, Chairman, House Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs; and the
8 Honorable E. L. Bartlett and the Honorable Ernest Gruening, U. S. Senators,
9 and the Honorable Howard W. Pollock, U. S. Representative, members of the
10 Alaska delegation in Congress.

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