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1 IN THE SENATE

BY THE RESOURCES COMMITTEE

2 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 26

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 FIFTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to loans of Nunivak Island  
6 reindeer breeding stock to residents  
7 of Northwestern Alaska.

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

9 WHEREAS Nunivak Island is so over-populated with federally owned rein-  
10 deer that, to protect the moss and lichen on which the reindeer graze, the  
11 government may find it necessary to import wolves to Nunivak Island to thin  
12 down the herds; and

13 WHEREAS there are many people in Northwestern Alaska who could become  
14 self-supporting if they were given the opportunity to obtain reindeer  
15 breeding stock; and

16 WHEREAS there are many thousands of unused acres of land in Northwestern  
17 Alaska suitable for raising reindeer; and

18 WHEREAS the destruction with wolves of the surplus reindeer on Nunivak  
19 Island -- the property of all the people of the United States -- would be an  
20 unnecessary and unwise waste, especially while there are people of the  
21 United States who desperately need breeding stock to begin herds of their  
22 own; and

23 WHEREAS the lending of reindeer for breeding stock by the federal  
24 government for starting new herds is not a new departure but is a usual and  
25 accepted program;

26 BE IT RESOLVED by the Legislature of the State of Alaska that the  
27 Department of the Interior, through the Bureau of Indian Affairs, be respect-  
28 fully urged to institute a program by which the people on the mainland of  
29 Northwestern Alaska may, on application, each borrow 500 head of reindeer

1 to use as breeding stock, reserving from destruction on Nunivak Island as  
2 many as 10,000 reindeer to be used in the program; and be it

3       FURTHER RESOLVED that the Governor is respectfully requested to direct  
4 the Department of Natural Resources and the Department of Commerce to  
5 coordinate the loan program with the Bureau of Indian Affairs in whatever  
6 manner necessary.

7       COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Stewart L.  
8 Udall, Secretary of the Interior; the Honorable Robert L. Bennett, Commis-  
9 sioner of Indian Affairs; the Honorable Owen D. Morken, Area Director,  
10 Bureau of Indian Affairs; the Honorable Phil R. Holdsworth, Commissioner of  
11 Natural Resources; the Honorable Sigmund H. Restad, Director, Division of  
12 Agriculture; and the Honorable George Sharrock, Commissioner of Commerce;  
13 and to the Honorable E. L. Bartlett and the Honorable Ernest Gruening,  
14 U. S. Senators, and the Honorable Howard W. Pollock, U. S. Representative,  
15 members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.

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