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BY THE RULES COMMITTEE
BY REQUEST

1 IN THE HOUSE

2 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 72

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SIXTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Urging the declaration of a five-
6 year moratorium on polar bear
7 hunting.

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

9 WHEREAS, although to the general public the polar bear is one of Alaska's
10 best-known wild animals, biologically, little is known about this solitary
11 wanderer; and

12 WHEREAS the polar bear is uniquely vulnerable to hunting pressure since
13 no one nation has exclusive jurisdiction over its range, resulting in its
14 subjection to a variety of conflicting regulations; and

15 WHEREAS presently the five nations of Russia, Denmark, Norway, Canada
16 and the United States are parties to an informal working agreement in an
17 effort to preserve the polar bear as a species; and

18 WHEREAS, during these international meetings, research is coordinated
19 and harvest limitation measures are proposed; and

20 WHEREAS, under Art. I, Sec. 10 of the United States Constitution, no
21 state shall enter into any agreement or compact with a foreign power without
22 the consent of Congress;

23 BE IT RESOLVED that the Sixth Alaska State Legislature respectfully
24 requests the Governor to take the necessary steps to secure Congressional
25 approval so that the appropriate representative from the Alaska Department
26 of Fish and Game can confer with representatives from the nations of Canada,
27 Russia, Norway and Denmark in order to establish a binding five-year mora-
28 torium on the hunting of polar bear; and be it .

29 . FURTHER RESOLVED that if no formal binding international agreement can

1 be concluded that the Governor direct the appropriate representative of the
2 Alaska Department of Fish and Game to conclude an informal working agreement
3 with representatives from Russia, Denmark, Canada and Norway so that all
4 hunting of polar bear will be prohibited for a five-year period, except
5 polar bear hunting for subsistence purposes.

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