

Original sponsor: Hensley

1 IN THE HOUSE BY THE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE  
2 SENATE CS FOR HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 100  
3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA  
4 SIXTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION  
5 Requesting a feasibility study relating  
6 to the construction of a slaughterhouse  
7 on the Seward Peninsula, and agriculture  
8 in the Matanuska and Tanana Valleys.  
9 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:  
10 WHEREAS a significant new development of the Alaska reindeer industry  
11 would benefit all the people of Alaska, by providing a major source of food  
12 and income to its residents; and  
13 WHEREAS there are presently approximately 10,000 reindeer on the  
14 northern part of the Seward Peninsula near Deering; and  
15 WHEREAS a slaughterhouse facility in the area would provide an efficient  
16 means for thinning out overgrazing herds; and  
17 WHEREAS a new industry in this area would do much to alleviate the  
18 severe poverty there; and  
19 WHEREAS, in addition to an expanded reindeer industry, the agricultural  
20 industry demands comprehensive scrutiny, so that the most modern methods of  
21 production, transportation, and marketing are instituted and maintained in  
22 the state;  
23 BE IT RESOLVED that the Sixth Alaska State Legislature respectfully re-  
24 quests the Department of the Interior in cooperation with the Department of  
25 Agriculture, to conduct a feasibility study of building a slaughterhouse  
26 facility on the northern part of the Seward Peninsula near Deering; and to  
27 include in the study a comprehensive examination of agriculture in the Matanuska  
28 and Tanana Valleys, the Kenai Peninsula, and Kodiak Island; and be it  
29 FURTHER RESOLVED that the Governor is respectfully requested to direct

1 the Division of Agriculture, Department of Natural Resources, to supply all  
2 available information on the existing reindeer and agriculture industry and  
3 assist, when requested, in conducting the study.

4 COPIES of this Resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Walter J.  
5 Hickel, Secretary of the Interior; the Honorable Louis R. Bruce, Commissioner  
6 of the Bureau of Indian Affairs; the Honorable Clifford M. Hardin, Secretary  
7 of Agriculture; the Honorable Charles Richmond, Area Director of the Bureau  
8 of Indian Affairs; the Honorable Thomas E. Kelly, Commissioner of Natural  
9 Resources; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Mike Gravel,  
10 U. S. Senators, and the Honorable Howard W. Pollock, U. S. Representative,  
11 members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.