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1 IN THE SENATE

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2 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 68

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SIXTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Relating to housing in many Alaska
6 villages.

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

8 WHEREAS a recently completed survey by the United States Public Health
9 Service shows that housing in many Alaska villages is the poorest in the
10 nation; and

11 WHEREAS this survey showed that only six per cent of the village homes
12 have bath facilities, only 18 per cent have satisfactory waste disposal, and
13 only 34 per cent have satisfactory drinking water storage and protection; and

14 WHEREAS the health of well over 75 per cent of the population of these
15 villages is shown to be in constant danger due to the inadequate housing
16 facilities;

17 BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the State of Alaska urges the
18 United States Department of Housing and Urban Development and the Bureau of
19 Indian Affairs to greatly expand the housing program and to vigorously
20 attack the problems faced in many Alaska villages so that these deplorable
21 conditions can be corrected in the shortest possible time.

22 COPIES of this Resolution are to be sent to the Honorable Richard M.
23 Nixon, President of the United States; the Honorable George Romney,
24 Secretary of the Department of Housing and Urban Development; the Honorable
25 Walter J. Hickel, Secretary of the Department of the Interior; and to the
26 Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Mike Gravel, U. S. Senators, and
27 the Honorable Howard W. Pollock, U. S. Representative, members of the
28 Alaska delegation in Congress.

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